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## BCSG Faces Budget Woes as Club Leaders Question Distribution of Funds



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Clubs received their annual funding much later than usual this year. While there has never been a specific timeline stipulated for the budget in the Student Government's constitution, in past years clubs have usually received their money by the end of September.

This year, clubs did not receive their money until mid-October. Without funding, many clubs' activities were placed on hold until the Representative Assembly could finalize the budget.

According to Treasurer Arsalan Suhail '09, the Budget Committee had \$198,869 to distribute among 83 clubs in the annual fall allocation process. When the RA met on Oct. 13, its goal was to pass the budget so that clubs could get their money as soon as possible.

However, as Suhail presented the budget, members of the RA noticed that the distribution of the funds left some clubs in need of more money than others. In particular, the Republicans received \$1500 less than last year and the Democrats received \$270 less than last year. The cut in funding for the political clubs was a concern to members since it came during an election year.

"We got less money in the biggest election year than we got last year, and it makes it kind of difficult to establish the presence we feel we need to have on campus during a time of such high voter enthusiasm," said Danny Gimbel '10, President of the Bates Democrats.

The Republicans felt a similar frustration at their shortage of funding.

"We were outraged, because this is a battleground state. Every vote counts, and we need money to make pins, stickers, posters and fliers to encourage people to vote for McCain," said Matt Cocciardi '11, Vice President of the Bates Republicans. "We were also going to bring in Virginia Senator George Allen, but the budget was three weeks later than we had anticipated, so we had no money to bring Allen here to speak at the time we needed to book him."

However, Suhail stated that the Republicans and Democrats could have applied for allocated funding during

March of last year, since they already knew they would be doing work for the election this fall.

Although planning for and reviewing the budget requests take time, a number of clubs felt that they were ultimately shorted funding. This perceived lack of funding, combined with the tardiness of the budget made many RA members reluctant to pass it as originally presented.

"The main reason that the budget was three weeks late this year was due to the fact that the Budget Committee was waiting to determine the exact number of clubs needing the funding," Suhail said. "This was complicated by the addition of 15 clubs – some of which were still awaiting official approval up until the original due date of the budget."

"There were worries among RA members that they were not getting the reasons from the Treasurer about why the funds had been cut from certain clubs and increased for others," said Matej Kenda '09, Chair of the RA. "The RA was presented with little time to deliberate on the budget before passing it."

The lack of communication between the RA and the Budget Committee made RA members uncertain about passing the budget, and it also highlighted other overarching structural issues within the Student Government's processes.

"Budget process at Bates has always been troublesome. The rules and guidelines have been vague," Kenda said. "So the RA is going to fix the process."

Clubs that felt that they were not allocated adequate funding were asked to sign up for meetings to discuss their issues. To address budget grievances, the RA created the Blue Ribbon Co-Sponsorship and Budget Re-Allocation Committee. As Chair of the RA, Kenda is serving on the Blue Ribbon Committee alongside Jordan Conwell, Ben Hughes, Ryan Lovering, and Tasnia Huque, all first-years. Kenda, Conwell, Hughes, Lovering and Huque met with representatives from 17 clubs on Oct. 25 and 26 to evaluate and discuss how to best redress their grievances. All 17 clubs received additional funding ranging from \$350 to \$2750.

## Office of Career Services Searches for New Director

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STAFF WRITER

Bates Office of Career Services is searching for a new director. Although the OCS hopes to fill the position by the beginning of the winter semester, they "will get the right person" even if that means waiting until next fall, according to William Hiss, Vice President for External Affairs, because "a strong, confident Director of Career Services is essential." So far, 50 people have applied, 15 have been seriously considered, seven have had phone interviews and four have been brought to campus. All of the final four are or were previously heads of Career Services Offices, and all have had 10 to 20 years of experience.

The most important quality in a Director of Career Services is "proven experience and imagination in running an Office of Career Services," said Hiss. Another important quality is interest and experience in the liberal arts model of career services. Bates' OCS helps to find career positions which are right for each student. A liberal arts education widens students' frames of reference, and the OCS helps to broaden students' ideas for career options. The new Director of Career Services must have the ability to work on campus with students, work as a leader counseling staff, and work off campus with alumni and parents. The OCS at Bates has seven full time employees, which makes it one of the larger career service offices in NESAC.

## College Conducts Chemical Tests in Former Student Residence Hall

### BATES STUDENT EXCLUSIVE

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The College has been conducting radiology, mercury and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) tests in Hedge Hall for the past few weeks after a tour group of faculty and staff noticed odd odors, according to a press release issued by the Environmental Health and Safety Office.

There were initial concerns that the smell could be due to residual chemicals from Hedge Hall's history as a chemistry hall, but the Physical Plant and the Environmental Health and Safety Office have since hypothesized that the chemicals are the result of the abatement process, or gutting, of the dorm.

"All of the findings were below the levels established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health," according to a press release.

"We're trying to go through step by step to make sure that the possibilities that may raise concerns are negative [regarding potential effects on past Hedge Hall residents]" explained Peter Anderson, a Physical Plant architect.

Current evidence suggests that the chemicals were not dormant in Hedge Hall for the past century. "It is interesting that it was never an issue in all the years that the building has been occupied, and it was triggered now while we did this work, so we really do believe that it was tied into the abatement process and the chemicals we used," Pam Wichroski, Physical Plant Director of Capital Planning and Construction, acknowledged in an interview.

Environmental Health and Safety Assistant Jim Guzelian echoed Wichroski's comment, saying that the College had not heard of any alumni health complaints in the past 40 years.



Jim Guzelian from the Bates Environmental Health & Safety Office examines the interior of Hedge Hall, which has been gutted for renovations.

Unfortunately, the Bates Student was unable to access the analytical data and report presented to the Hedge Hall Development Committee, which may have allowed the public a more comprehensive understanding of the issue.

"Data of that sort of detail is not of value to anybody.... We'd just as soon not release it," Wichroski said.

Professor of Chemistry and member of the Development Committee Matt Cote had not spoken with Wichroski about releasing the data but offered his opinion: "I do think that some expertise and knowledge of the context in which the data were obtained would be necessary in order to interpret them meaningfully, but I do not know if that reasoning played a part in her decision," he said.

Understandably, a chemical-laden Hedge Hall is a touchy subject. "It's just a topic that can alarm people, and we're really really concerned about that," Wichroski cautioned.

"We don't want to get people worried that either they were exposed to something or they're going to be exposed to something, when in fact it isn't really

there," Anderson added.

Having not seen the report herself, President Elaine Tuttle Hansen acknowledged via e-mail that she would defer judgement to Wichroski and Anderson over whether to release the analytical data.

The Environmental Health and Safety Office press release should ease the concerns of past Hedge Hall residents since it attributes the chemicals to the abatement company's use of "large quantities of polyethylene sheeting which was joined using spray adhesives. A volatile adhesive stripper was used to soften mastic on concrete surfaces. All of these products would have contributed to odors in the space which had been closed up since demolition was complete in late August."

Hedge Hall was built in 1890 as a chemistry laboratory, with one additional wing added in 1926 and a two-story addition in 1950. The building was converted into a dormitory in 1965 and was used as such until the opening of the new residence hall at 280 College Street in 2007.

This issue originally came to the attention of the Student through the reporting of Naima Murphy '10.

## Scientist Presents Evidence of Humanity's Fishy Origins

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Dr. Neil Shubin, author of "Your Inner Fish," came to speak at Bates on Oct. 8 as part of the "Darwin at 200" program hosted by Bates College and the Lewiston Public Library. Shubin is a vertebrate paleontologist who has traveled the world researching the evolutionary origins of anatomical features. He is the Provost of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and the Associate Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences and Robert R. Bensley Professor of Anatomy at the University of Chicago. His discovery of the fossil of the Tiktaalik rosae on Ellesmere Island in Nunavut, Canada, gained him

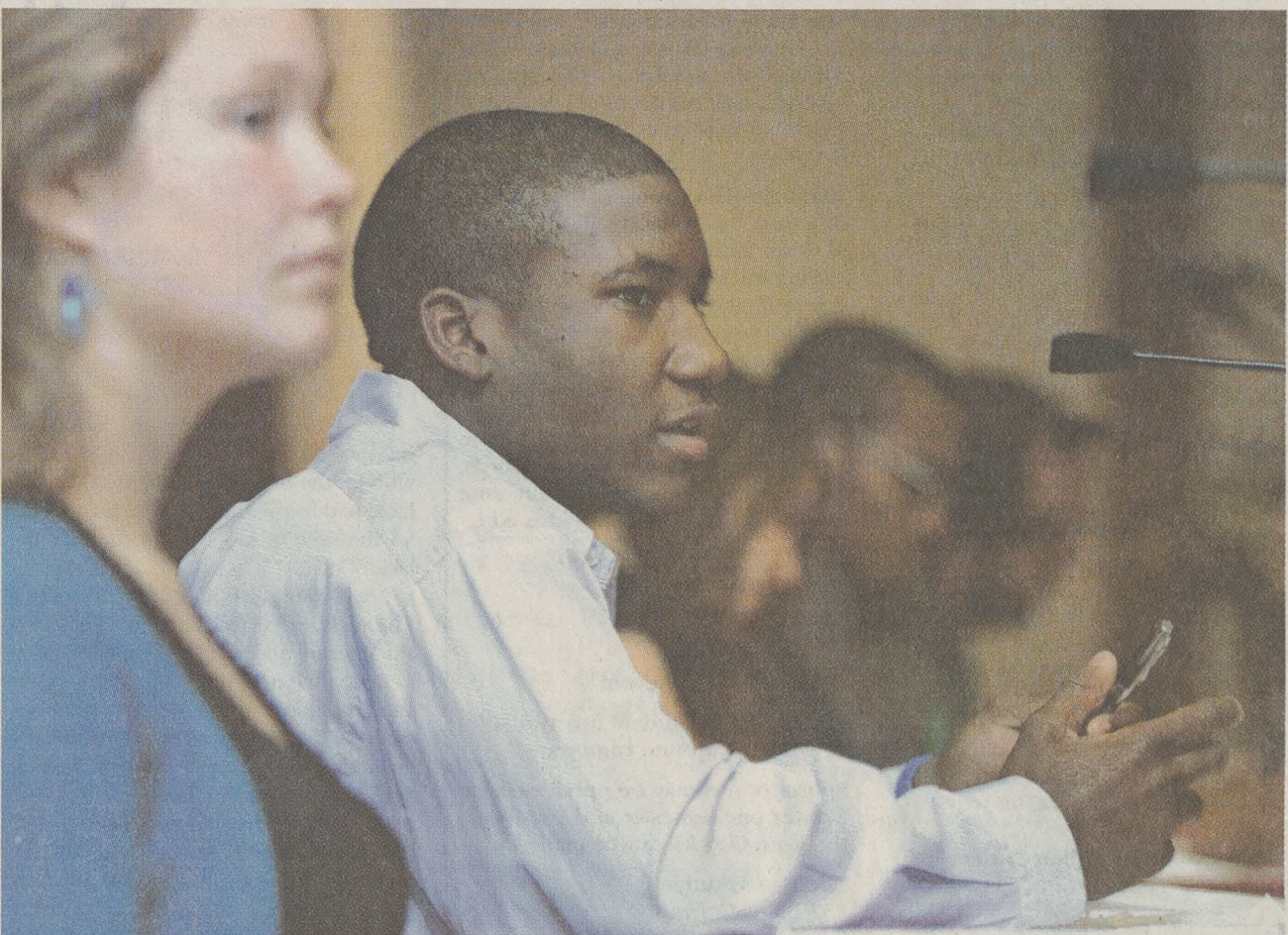
celebrity status when it was published in 2006. He has made the front page of The New York Times and was also interviewed on the Colbert Report. His book, "Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5 Billion-Year History of the Human Body," has been translated into 19 different languages.

Tiktaalik, which literally means "large freshwater fish" in Inuktitut, the group of Inuit languages spoken in northern Canada, is a transitional fossil between fish and amphibian. In contrast to other more fish-like transitional forms, the bones in the Tiktaalik's fins have bones that resemble simple wrist and finger bones in mammals, indicating humans' fish-like background. The Tiktaalik fossil also has a flat, crocodile-

like head, both gills and lungs, and the beginning of a neck and shoulders, all of which were absent from the previous fossil records.

All of these traits, never before seen in a fish-like fossil, have led Shubin to find some interesting similarities between human anatomical structures and those of fish. "The bones we use to talk, hear, chew were all originally gill bones in fish and sharks," Shubin said. Shubin's discovery adds more credibility to Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, and it clears up the origins of some aspects of human anatomy. Through his discovery of one crucial link, the Tiktaalik, Shubin has shown that humans are not only descendants of monkeys, but they are also descendants of fish.

## Students Weigh in on Election Issues



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## McCain: Not Green Enough

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With the media paying so much attention to the current financial crisis, is it easy to forget that we are presently in an environmental crisis as well. The next president will greatly impact many of today's environmental problems. Both Barack Obama and John McCain believe that climate change is anthropogenic (human-induced). The Bush Administration has refused to admit this during the past eight years. The Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2007 stated that global warming is "very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations." The IPCC also stated that there is a less than 5 percent chance that natural climatic processes alone cause global warming. The fact that both presidential candidates believe in human-induced climate change demonstrates that environmental issues are finally being acknowledged.

However, it is interesting that McCain, a "green candidate" for the presidency, chose Sarah Palin to be his vice president. By selecting a running mate who denies that climate change is anthropogenic, McCain no longer has such a green campaign. When asked about global warming, Palin stated "I'm not one though who would attribute it to being man-made." Furthermore, Palin wants to "make sure we don't overreact" to climate change. McCain severely tarnished his environmentally friendly image when he chose Palin as his running mate.

The only way to combat the growing problem of anthropogenic climate change is to work with the international community. The Bush administration opposed the Kyoto Protocol, which is an international agreement with the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change that has 37 industrial countries and the European Union working together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Obama and Biden recognize the importance of international cooperation for fight-

ing climate change in the long-term. With Biden's strength in foreign policy, there is great hope for more international cooperation. On the other hand, neither McCain nor Palin supports the Kyoto Protocol. McCain argues that the Bush Administration was correct in not joining Kyoto because China and India did not join. McCain stated, "I will not shirk the mantle of leadership that the United States bears." However, it is the responsibility of the United States to lead the fight against climate change. Because climate change affects the entire world, it is selfish and unproductive for the United States, the greatest emitter of greenhouse gases, to refuse to cooperate with the international community.

Senator Obama recognizes the importance of moving towards energy independence and therefore supports investment in alternative energy. The most popular renewable energy sources are wind, water, solar and biomass. During the next 10 years, Obama plans to invest \$150 billion "to develop and deploy climate friendly energy supplies, protect our existing manufacturing base, and create millions of new jobs." To move towards energy independence, Obama plans to derive 20 percent of the nation's power supply portfolio in 2020 from wind, solar, biomass, geothermal energy and other renewable sources. He also recognizes the importance of renewable fuels such as biodiesel. John McCain, on the other hand, has voted to remove funds for renewable and solar energy and has also voted against a bill to reduce oil usage by 40 percent by 2025. In addition, he did not vote in favor of a renewable portfolio standard in 2005 that would force the U.S. to generate 10 percent of electricity from renewable sources by 2020. After changing his position, McCain now believes that it is important to invest in biofuels; however, he does not want the government to subsidize them.

One of the biggest differences in their environmental perspectives is that McCain and Palin support investment in nuclear energy, whereas

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### Correction:

The "Celebrating the Black Christ" article in the Oct. 7 issue incorrectly stated that the upcoming Panama trip was the first time the Multicultural Center and the Multifaith Chaplaincy have worked together to create immersion programs for students. The Panama trip is, rather, the first off-campus immersion program they have planned. Tonya Taylor and Emily Wright-Timko, Assistant Chaplain, Multifaith Chaplaincy, will lead the immersion, not Czerny Brasuell, as was stated in the article. Uriel Gonzalez '11, who previously visited Portobelo under the auspices of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, will accompany the group not as a native Spanish-speaker and guide but as a TA for this specific program. The group is not staying at an artists' colony but at Taller Portobelo Norte, a collective of emerging and established artists and artist/scholars that assist Taller Portobelo in documenting and preserving the culture and traditions of the Congos, an Afro-descendant group in Panama. This is where Gonzalez stayed in February of this year as part of a joint project of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Spelman College (a member of their faculty directs the Taller).

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## For State & Local Offices, Students Should Cast Ballots in Home State



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According to Maine state law, "Students have the right to register in the municipality where they attend school, if they have established residency there. Students must meet the same residency requirements as all other potential voters" (maine.gov). As Bates College students, living on or off campus, those of us who are American citizens are eligible to establish residency in the municipality of Lewiston since we have residence addresses at school (i.e. 16 Frye Street, Lewiston, Maine). This definition of residency gives those of us who were not Maine residents prior to attending Bates the option of voting in our home state or in Maine.

Our highly regionalized, political divisions have resulted in "safe" Democratic and Republican states, guaranteed Obama and McCain states. In addition, because of the nature of our population-based electoral system, some states have a larger weight than others in national elections. By having the option to vote in either Maine or in the state in which we grew up, many Bates students effectively have the opportunity to weigh their own vote.

Is your room decorated with Obama paraphernalia, but you know your home state of Kansas will go to McCain? Are you are the only Republi-

can in the state of New York and want your voice to really be heard? Why not vote in the semi-swing state of Maine? Or maybe you are from Minnesota or North Dakota and think that this election could come down to the one additional electoral vote that Maine has over your home state. If you vote in Maine, maybe you could personally tip the scale towards your candidate.

This issue has particular weight considering that we live in one of the two states in our nation that does not vote by the winner-take-all system. Instead, Maine, like Nebraska, splits its votes up by region. Each of Maine's two congressional districts gets one electoral vote, which is decided by the popular vote in that region. The remaining two electoral votes are given to the winner of the state's overall popular vote. In effect, this gives Maine residents more of a voice. By whittling down the size of the region an electoral vote represents, each vote acquires more weight and more closely corresponds to the "one man, one vote" concept.

For example, the state of Idaho, with a population of 1,466,465 as of 2006, has the same number of electoral votes as Maine does with its population of 1,321,574. Rather than being one voice out of 1,466,465, attempting to influence who gets Idaho's four electoral votes, as a resident of Androscoggin County, you could be one voice out of 637,450, directly affecting whom one electoral vote goes to, and one out of 1,321,574 determining the outcome of two additional electoral votes.

Clearly, between Maine's Congressional District method of voting and its status as a swing state leaning slightly in favor of the Democrats, it is advantageous to vote in Androscoggin County unless you are from one of the more influential swing states like Ohio, North Carolina or Florida.

Yet this decision also begs the question of ethics. Although legal, is it ethical to change your declared residency simply in order to have a greater influence on the outcome of the election than you would have had in your home state? And do we as Bates students truly represent the values and political opinions of the state of Maine as a whole?

I would answer "yes" to the first question and "no" to the latter. The electoral method of voting is inherently hierarchical and, like any system, has its flaws. The Electoral College is not a pure representation of national will, but rather a weighted amalgamation of elections held in each state. The inequality of this system has led to the development of the statistically based "voting power" theory, which essentially describes the effect an individual voter or a group of voters can have on the outcome of an election.

By giving less per capita voting power to more populous states, the electoral system gives disproportionately greater weight to the interests of less populous states. It does not seem unfair to legally manipulate a system that is essentially skewed in its appropriation

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## Skip Class to Volunteer on Nov. 4th



AFROZ BAIG  
STAFF WRITER

As Election Day approaches, I'm sure we're not all planning out what we are doing that day. I am here to tell you that you should be planning. Before I say anything else, I'll preface this by saying that I have the highest respect for all the professors at Bates and the education we receive at this college. However, I am writing this article with the intent of persuading people to skip class on the day of the election.

That's exactly what I plan on doing. But you don't have to be a political junkie to take this step. This is probably the first presidential election most of us have voted in. Whether or not we realize it, the stakes are high and the candidates could not differ more. We are all lucky enough to go to a college in a city where our volunteer hours actually make a difference.

If you were feeling a bit sick, chances are you would skip class. Or maybe you might skip to play video games. Either way, I think it's pretty safe to say we've all skipped class for reasons that are less than honorable. Skipping class on Election Day to volunteer with either campaign is a

way to make a difference before time runs out.

If you've never canvassed or done phone banking, let me tell you from experience that it is pretty fulfilling. Getting to talk to voters and knowing that you may have the ability to shape someone's view on this election is a great feeling. Volunteering on Election Day is really the last chance you'll have to make an impact in this election.

I refuse to believe that there are people out there who "aren't into politics" or "just don't care." The outcome of this election affects all of us in so many different ways; it is hard to believe that not every single person on this campus has something at stake with the outcome of this election. Having said that, I can understand that there are people who are turned off by politics. Regardless of your personal dismay with attack ads or the political process in general, come Election Day, either Senator Obama or Senator McCain will claim victory. Abstaining from the election will not prevent it from taking place.

That's why I'm encouraging members of our community to look outside themselves for one day. In this day and age, it isn't enough to just cast a ballot. Although that is the first step, donating a few hours of your day to make a difference has a bigger impact than you might imagine.

If you are willing to take that next step and volunteer on Election Day, I

propose you do it responsibly. Contacting your professors ahead of time to tell them why you won't be in class is a good first step. It is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that you are in good academic standing before choosing to skip a class.

Some might think that my proposal to Bates students to skip their classes is an irresponsible action. I disagree. There is a reason why college students are seen as a swing vote; most of us have trouble following through. I doubt that this proposal will encourage the masses to not attend class on Tuesday, November 4th. If this article changes the minds of only a few, I'd be happy.

If you do nothing more than vote on Election Day, you are in no position to complain about a loss or take credit for a victory on November 4th. Although voting is an important and essential component, in an election as close as this one, it is not enough.

I realize that you need a certain amount of passion for a candidate to put time and effort into a campaign. However, either Senator Obama or Senator McCain will win; those are the two choices you have, and it is wise to pick one. Both the candidates have stances on things that will affect you if you live in this country, and you can't escape that reality. By turning a blind eye you are not doing yourself any favors.

## Obama-Biden: The Ticket for Educational Reform



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STAFF WRITER

The economic crisis is here and no one can deny it - especially students, who for the first time in American history have had to put their college plans aside for the sake of money or, better, for the lack of it.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, more and more college-bound students are and will be compelled to renounce their ambitions to enroll at a private institution for the next few years because of the financial restrictions that the economic crisis has put on their families. Many students and parents, who would have not otherwise considered state universities where tuition is a fraction of the bill for private schools, are now re-evaluating their options, considering the depreciation of their savings and the difficulty of obtaining educational loans. As Bill McClintock, president of the National Association for College Admission

Counseling in Arlington said, "Usually we have students apply to backup schools we know they can get into, [but] now you are not just talking about academic backup schools, you are talking about financial backups."

To put it mildly, many prospective college students now must choose their universities based on their family's ability to pay, putting aside other factors like academics and athletics.

A survey conducted by MeritAid.com, a free Internet college scholarship tool-finder, indicated that among 2,500 prospective college students, 57 percent considered less expensive colleges because of the recent financial crisis. A significant number of the students interviewed said that they started considering schools close to home in order to save on additional transportation costs as well as room and board fees. Students themselves realize that the collapsing economy and the inability to take out loans render their parents incapable of providing for their education.

But what do the two presidential candidates say about this? While McCain remains silent, Obama seems ready for change and action. In their "reforming and straightening America" plan, Obama

and Biden present multiple suggestions on how to make American education affordable for everyone. Obama is proposing an ambitious plan that promises \$18 billion a year in new federal spending on early childhood classes, teacher recruitment, performance pay and dozens of other initiatives.

Were Obama to become president, he would fight to enhance high school education by hiring teachers with a more complete and multifaceted training. However, his most revolutionary proposal came when he declared that he would double federal spending on public charter schools while holding those with poor records accountable.

Obama doesn't fail to show his understanding for college students, who are direct victims of the current financial crisis. During a conference call held last week, Obama's campaign, represented by Jill Biden, Joe Biden's wife, and actor Kal Penn, explained how the Democratic ticket's proposals could help college students ease their cumbersome duty of paying tuition fees. Jill Biden, who is a Professor of English at Delaware Technical and Community College at the Stanton/Washington campus, has an im-

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# George W. Bush: A Lame Duck Indeed

Citizens Need to Hold Incompetent Presidents To a Higher Level of Accountability



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It's hard to believe that a week from today we will be voting for the next president of the United States. Most Bates students will be voting in their first presidential election. I was just shy of 18 in 2004 and will therefore be voting in my first presidential election at the age of 21. Like many Americans, I have been waiting for this November 4th for a long time.

As much as I am looking forward, these last few weeks have also been a time to reflect on the legacy that George W. Bush is leaving behind. Arguably the worst president in history, Bush leaves us with a crashing economy, a dragging war, poor medical care and a more polluted environment. Anyone paying the least bit of attention to current events over the last eight years has taken note of the consequences of Bush's belligerent domestic and foreign policies:

On his watch, hundreds of environmental rules have been rewritten, relaxing controls against mercury contamination, sewage contamination and air pollution (National Resources Defense Council, 2004).

On his watch, the national debt has grown more than \$4 trillion, the largest increase over any presidential administration (cbsnews.com).

On his watch, presidential powers have been unprecedentedly expanded, allowing the chief executive such leeway as to "violate federal laws and international treaties when he viewed

it as necessary for the nation's security" as well as to hold U.S. citizens indefinitely and without charges if he deems them "enemy combatants" (USAToday.com).

On his watch, the gap between the rich and the poor has rapidly increased, leaving the United States with the third-highest inequality rating in the world (after Mexico and Turkey), according to a study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (msnbc.msn.com).

On his watch, 4,187 American soldiers have died and 30,723 have been wounded (antiwar.com), not to mention the estimated 151,000 Iraqi civilian casualties (World Health Organization, as reported by nytimes.com). In case anyone is still confused, a Pentagon study last March of 600,000 military documents and thousands of hours of interrogation of Iraqi officials concluded that there was in fact no direct link between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda (abcnews.com) and therefore no evidence to back up Bush's stated reason for going to war.

According to a recent CBS poll, President Bush has an approval rating of 22 percent, the lowest dip over the course of his presidency. Clinton left office with a 65 percent approval rating even after getting caught with Monica Lewinsky, and Richard Nixon resigned with a 24 percent approval rating after Watergate (nytimes.com). Not to mention that in the 2000 election, Bush didn't even win the popular vote.

The only thing more shameful than Bush's legacy is the fact that we, the 78 percent of Americans who disapprove of Bush, allowed him to create this legacy over eight years. I imagine my kids reading about this period in their history books and asking me, "How did everyone let this happen?" I don't think I'll have a very good answer.

As Americans, we endorse the idea of govern-

mental stability, taking pride in the fact that we have an enduring two-party system and that our Constitution has survived for over two hundred years. But at what cost does this "stability" come? At what point did we decide to buy "Bush countdown" clocks – clocks that count down the days, hours, and seconds until January 20th, 2009 – instead of pressuring our government to do something? At what point did we replace political activism with "waiting it out"?

During my semester abroad in Ecuador, I saw the workings of a very different political system. Ecuador has had eight presidents in the last decade and the people recently approved the nation's twentieth constitution. Although the New York Times calls Ecuador "chronically unstable," I'm unconvinced that the idea of rapid, radical change in government is necessarily a bad thing. When Ecuadorians don't like a president, they don't wait four years to remove him; when their founding laws need reforming, they put together a popularly elected Constitutional Assembly to rewrite them. While the Ecuadorian system undoubtedly has its flaws, it at least feels like a somewhat dynamic interaction between the people and the politicians – like a democracy, that is.

It seems as though, if it weren't for the convenient rule that Bush cannot serve another term, many Americans would just wait for him to die. What else is there to do, anyway?

Well, for one, it is important to note that there is in fact a "civilized" way to remove a U.S. president from office: impeachment. Only two presidents, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, have been impeached, and neither was actually convicted. Johnson was impeached in 1868, officially because his dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin Stanton violated the Tenure of Office Act and unofficially

because of his controversially lenient Reconstruction policies. Clinton was impeached in 1998 officially because of "perjury" and "obstruction of justice" and unofficially because of his immoral sexual exploits. In light of this history, it seems that George W. Bush's crimes – lying to the American public and Congress in order to gain the green light for war and killing thousands of soldiers and civilians in the process – would be enough to bring him before the Senate.

If impeachment seems like "government business," it may be important to remember that, had President Clinton's infidelity not been the subject of conversation at every American dinner table, no one in the government would have really cared. So, if an extramarital blow job is what it takes to get the American people angry at a president, I say we need to get some more slutty interns into Bush's Oval Office. But it really shouldn't have to come to that.

Regardless of the outcome of November 4th, Americans need a major attitude adjustment. These past eight years have proven that we can no longer afford to be bystanders to presidential irresponsibility. Neither candidate is standing on a truly moral platform. Neither advocates for universal healthcare or promises that the crusade to end dependence on the Middle East for oil will not mean destruction of natural resources at home. If we want these things, we'll have to fight for them.

So let's begin 2009 with a commitment to hold our next president to much higher standards and to make sure that a man with a 22 percent approval rating doesn't get to sit pretty in office. Better yet, let's finish off this lame duck's legacy with something truly historical: according to my countdown clock, we still have 83 days left for Bush's impeachment.

## Palin a Bad Choice for McCain's Green Image

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Obama is neutral and Biden strongly opposes it. Although nuclear energy would greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, its byproducts are extremely toxic and indestructible on a human time scale, leaving potentially dangerous waste.

Obama also opposes domestic drilling, while McCain supports it. In particular, Biden and Palin disagree about drilling in ANWR, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Furthermore, Palin opposes initiatives to conserve endangered species. The two campaigns also diverge on investment in public transportation, which Obama supports and McCain opposes. How-

ever, both Obama and McCain support having a Carbon Tax, which is an environmental tax on greenhouse gas emissions. McCain plans to cut emissions 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, while Obama plans to cut them by 80 percent.

In the upcoming election, a change that is desperately needed is about to occur. With the end of the Bush Administration, our country will be taking a step in the right direction towards addressing climate change. How far we will go in the right direction, however, is dependent upon whom is elected. With many college students being able to vote for the first time, please consider the environment when you cast your vote.

## RECONSIDERING BATES ADMISSIONS

# In Interest of Diversity, College Should Rely Less Heavily on Early Decision



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*Our first-year class is the most diverse class of students ever enrolled at Bates. Of course, most in the community will agree that the College still has a long way to go to achieve the goals of diversity it has set forth. As someone who has always believed that certain affirmative action practices undermine genuine egalitarianism and that there are more democratic and effective ways of achieving diversity in all of its forms, I feel that there are a number of Bates admissions practices that actually hinder achievement of diversity. The Reconsidering Bates Admissions series will address these issues and propose alternatives in hopes that Bates Admissions may reconsider the ways in which it chooses to recruit diversity in the future.*

Two years ago, Harvard announced its decision to eliminate early action as an option for applicants to its undergraduate program. Other colleges and universities, including Princeton and the Universities of Virginia and Delaware, soon followed suit. Binding early notification programs, university officials decided, not only created unnecessary stress and anxiety among an already anxious cohort of youngsters, but also discriminated in favor of white, affluent applicants. It is surprising, then, that Bates has since not only chosen to retain its early decision program, but continues to admit a remarkably high percentage of its incoming classes through the option.

Applying Early Decision (ED) has been an increasingly popular choice for applicants to Bates and many of its peer institutions. In fact, for the class of 2012, the number of Early Decision applicants increased by 22 percent from the previous year. A record-breaking 527 students applied ED to Bates last year, constituting roughly 10 percent of the overall applicant pool, and the College admitted 40 percent of its class prior to its evaluation of the regular decision pool.

First off, Bates ought to congratulate itself on winning over so many early applicants. Signing that binding agreement form and consenting that if accepted you will enroll at the College and rescind all other applications can

be a scary move if you are not entirely sold on a school.

Then again, savvy students also know that the cards are in their favor when they apply ED; admit rates during these rounds are significantly higher than during Regular Decision. Early Decision is a win-win situation for both college and applicant: the applicant is given a boost in his or her chances of admission to the school of his or her choice and can obtain peace of mind far earlier in the year, and colleges can ensure that students they want will attend their school rather than choose competitors, significantly boosting their yield rates.

But what of Harvard, Princeton and other colleges that view early decision programs through less rosy glasses? A wonderful perk Early Decision is – and it would be hypocritical of me to condemn it, since I applied here ED myself – research shows that applicants utilizing early decision programs tend to come from white, upper middle class backgrounds. Minority, rural and low-income applicants make far less use of the program. In fact, in 2003, Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts proposed a bill that would require institutions to report statistical data regarding the socioeconomic and racial make-up of students admitted through early admissions programs and discussed reducing federal support for universities that utilized the program (Chronicle of Higher Education). Even Dean of Admissions Wylie Mitchell noted in an article in last year's Student that "it is a New England phenomenon to apply Early Decision."

If Bates Admissions is aware that Early Decision is a "New England phenomenon," then why does the College use the program to fill nearly half of each incoming class? The answer may in part be financial. Because more affluent applicants make use of the option, it can be surmised that fewer ED applicants apply for financial aid. Because Bates is not need-blind (an issue which will be addressed in the coming weeks), Admissions can use Early Decision to count on a specific number of students for whom it will not be necessary to provide aid, or for whom that aid will be significantly smaller. This may explain, along with a desire to increase yield rates, why Bates chooses to accept such a large portion of its class through the program.

But if what Bates truly seeks is a more diverse student body, then it is in

the College's best interest to eliminate an admissions tactic proven to be inherently discriminatory. Dropping Early Decision would likely mean lower yield rates for the College, but it would also ensure that those students with the resources and know-how to jump on the ED bandwagon would not be getting an unfair leg-up. Eliminating Early Decision would effectively level the playing field, and Bates would probably find an overall higher number of minority and low-income applicants in its admissions pool.

Eliminating Early Decision would also be fairer from a socioeconomic standpoint, especially in light of the current economy. Although the Early Decision contract makes an exception for students who do not receive adequate financial aid along with their acceptance letters, many families still feel pressured financially by having to put all of their eggs in one basket. When a student receiving financial aid is accepted through Early Decision, that student's family does not have the opportunity to weigh various aid packages from other schools and make its choice accordingly.

If Harvard and Princeton can drop their early admissions programs and still float along fine, why can't Bates? Sure, Bates may not have as much money or as much selectivity to work with as the aforementioned colleges, but even if these factors preclude a complete abandonment of the program, the College should at least rely less heavily on the program by not admitting such a large portion of each first-year class through it. That heavy reliance signals that the Admissions Office has concerns far different and possibly in conflict with increased diversity.

As terrific an option Early Decision is for an applicant, the reality is that the students who apply Early Decision or are even aware of its existence are a homogeneous bunch. Bates has been doing a commendable job increasing its diversity in the past few years. However, if the College hopes to see those numbers increase further and remove racial and class barriers to entry, it ought to rethink the use of Early Decision as part of its admissions process.

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a three part series examining the efficacy of Bates admissions practices in creating a more diverse student body.*

## Digitz

437

Average number of questions the average four year old child asks per day.

150

Number of calories you can burn per hour by banging your head against the wall.

277

Number of electoral votes CNN.com has predicted Obama will win.

174

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## BATES RATES

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# Bates Versus the Big Ten: No Contest



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I thought college football was just football. It consisted of an understated field, a ball, a set or two of bleachers and a couple dozen fans (a few more on Parents Weekend). Call me extremely naïve, or perhaps call me a product of my Bates experience. Either way, I was utterly shocked upon my induction into the society of Big Ten football.

This past October Break found me at Michigan State University of all places. And to my great luck, Saturday was a home football game against THE Ohio State University (apparently they get upset when you don't emphasize the "the"). Originally, I wasn't even planning to attend the game. However, my curiosity got the better of me – that and I got inextricably caught up in the masses. Let me illustrate the scene for you.

Football games at MSU are not just football games. They are a complete metamorphosis that overtakes the town. The entire city of East Lansing was afflicted with Spartan fever. Storefronts were filled with white and green paraphernalia, signs presented messages of luck to the team, sidewalk stands hawked Spartan merchandise, gas stations and other businesses shut down so that every inch of their prop-

erty could be used for parking. Every possible patch of grass on (and off) campus was filled with tailgating vehicles, ranging from the subtle SUV to the fully-decorated RV camper, complete with spray-painted windows and personalized foldout awning.

No MSU student would be caught dead not going to the game – or at least, they would not be caught dead refraining from imbibing in preparation. However, folks young and old were there for the festivities. Middle aged men and women going through midlife crises were reliving their college days. Young children and dogs alike were clad in Spartan apparel. Entire families had set up barbeque banquets out of their trunks, using picnic tables overlaid with gingham table clothes to double as a hot dog serving area and a Beirut table.

A hierarchical structure governs all of the tailgating activities. Status is inversely related to the distance from the football stadium. Fields directly adjacent to the stadium are filled with shiny, behemoth vehicles and the families that appear to have MSU alumni branching back for seventeen generations. Further from the stadium, pickup trucks and younger crowds reign dominant. Fewer golden retrievers, more kegs.

Color-coding is also of utmost importance. MSU students must wear white, while other MSU fans must wear green. While the colors are set in stone, the ways in which they are expressed

can be endless – sweatshirts, jerseys, leggings, tattoos, face paint, hair dye, color accent contacts, etc. Ohio State fans were obviously clad in red and white, as well as mysterious necklaces constructed of nuts and plastic beads. Amidst this sea of white, green, and red, I was luckily wearing purple, thus avoiding any perceived affiliation with the teams.

The actual football game was a spectacle in and of itself. Before any footballing actually took place, I observed an elaborate playoff between the two marching bands as well as a performance by the respective cheerleaders. Each mascot also had a go at running around the stadium to rally support. I must say, the MSU Spartan exhibits a bit more ferociousness than the Ohio buckeye. At the time, I was unsure of what a buckeye was, other than being brown and spherical. Upon further research, I have learned that it is a tree species producing nut-like seeds, thus explaining the curious necklaces sported by Ohio State supporters. Wow, Ohio. A seed. Watch out or we'll... sprout all over you?

This is not to say that I fully condone the exploitation of the ancient Greeks by the MSU athletic program. How do you think the fight-to-the-death Spartans might feel if you were using their likeness for a football team? I also wonder what MSU did before the movie "300" came about and gave birth to the infamous phrase "We... Are..."

Sparta!!!!" which is displayed at every possible instance on the scoreboard video screen. At times like this, I'm content to stand behind the relatively uncontroversial and undeniably cute figure of the bobcat.

Once the game got underway, I'm unsure of how much time I actually spent watching it. In between the clock stopping, timeouts and commercial breaks, very little playing actually transpired. Even when the game was proceeding, it was much more interesting to speculate how cold the cheerleaders must be, or observe the MSU student section revolt, or keep tabs on the fights breaking out among members of the two fan bases that were forced to sit within close proximity to one another.

It is probably fairly obvious that football is not something I particularly concern myself with, whether at Bates, MSU or elsewhere. I can understand why it is a cherished aspect of MSU and other Big Ten schools, however. On the subject of school spirit, which has generated quite a bit of commentary lately at Bates, a large and heavily funded football team is something that garners collective support and brings together a university and its community. But is it worth it?

Of course, Bates could never have the atmosphere of a Big Ten school, but what if it did? "Go Bobcats" would be written on every storefront in Androscoggin county. Every Batesie would sport garnet on game day. A capella

groups would perform at halftime. All of our relations, immediate and distant, would drive up for the day and tailgate on the Quad. Our parents would get into brawls with Colby or Bowdoin parents in the bleachers.

The Big Ten football scene is chaotic yet charismatic, and it undeniably generates that school spirit that is supposedly lacking here at Bates. But I don't think a school can have it all. While a school like MSU is great in some areas, it differs from Bates in basically every area that made this school a place I wanted to be – a city that doesn't revolve around the college, a cohesive community, small classes in which I feel I play a role, a campus I don't need a commuter bus to traverse and the possibility of finding people I know without a tracking device.

Can any school have it all? No, not really. And I don't want my school to be like those of the Big Ten. I'm quite content with our little eleven, and I wouldn't sacrifice other aspects of Bates for a robust athletic program, even if it bolstered support, funding and supposedly spirit. In fact, I don't think support for the football team measures the pride that people have in their institution. At Bates, the football team is not synonymous with the school name like it is at larger schools. It is only one part of something greater. However, I do think it would be a great idea to sell nachos at the football games. Someone should look into that.

## A Firsthand Encounter With a Deported Illegal

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Last week over October break, I flew to Mexico City to do some research for my senior thesis. On the plane, when we had all sat down and were getting ready to take off, I noticed that there were quite a few empty seats. At what seemed like the last possible second, a group of Mexican men appeared at the front of the cabin and were quickly ushered to their seats. They looked like they had just been dragged off a construction site. They had muddy Timberlands, paint-splattered pants, T-shirts with the sleeves ripped off. Some even had paint and mud on their faces and hands. One man came over and sat in between me and the Swedish businessman I was sitting with. Before I could even put together what was going on, the businessman signaled the flight attendant, who quickly switched his seat. "He moved pretty quickly to get outta here," the Mexican man said to me. "I guess I don't really understand what happened," I confessed. The man leaned and whispered to me, "Yeah, we're all getting deported. I think he didn't want to sit next to me."

So we started talking. His name was Manuel and he was 25 years old.

His mother had carried him across the border when he was three. She had left his father and all of her family to start over in Arizona. When he was seven, she passed away suddenly and he was raised by his mother's friend. Manuel considered her son to be his brother. When they were both around eighteen, they decided to move to Chicago to look for work. They had been working for the same construction company for years now. Just a few days before, immigration officials raided their work site and took him and five other men into custody. And before he knew it, he was on plane headed to Mexico. And so there we were, in the same row of seats on the same flight going to the same place, and yet we were a million miles apart.

So I sat there, with my blond hair and liberal arts school grant money, and explained what Mexico was like. I told him about dirty and suffocating cities and the isolated pueblos and all the endless one-lane highways that connected everything together. He told me that he had been thinking about getting a job and settling down in a touristy area, like Cancun, because he spoke perfect English. And he had never seen the ocean before and he had heard that Cancun had really nice beaches, as if a

spring-breaker had told him.

When we got off the plane, the deportees were forced to stand together outside the door and a Mexican police officer handcuffed everyone. I smiled at Manuel and he gave me a big grin and a nod back. While I was standing in line to get through customs, I watched them get ushered into offices with big glass windows overlooking the lines to enter the country. Their handcuffs were removed and they filled out paperwork for a while. Then they left one by one, with only the plastic bags full of paperwork and the clothes on their backs.

During the flight, I had really wanted to ask Manuel who had paid for his plane ticket but I didn't have the guts. Later research confirmed that it was U.S. taxpayers, of course, who had paid Mexicana Airlines to fly the dozen or so men back to Mexico. I guess the idea behind this is that Americans are paying for our country's security, just like we pay taxes to fund state and federal prisons. Entering the country illegally is a crime and the punishment costs money.

As I left the airport in Mexico City, I was perplexed by the whole situation. Why should a man, who had never made the conscious decision to

come into the States illegally, be forced to return, especially to a country that he didn't even consider himself to be a part of? Manuel did not see himself as a Mexican citizen. He had even told me he knew very little about what life was like in Mexico, including politics, the job market, current culture, etc.

Since it is approaching so quickly, I think it is worth putting this real world situation into the context of the upcoming presidential election. The reality is that Obama and McCain do not differ that much in their policies regarding immigration and the border. According to their websites, they are both committed to securing the border and addressing the amount of undocumented workers that are currently in the US. They both want to make it easier for people to apply for citizenship by shortening the waiting process and helping to bring families back together. I guess one of the more notable differences was that McCain never actually used the word Mexico in his statement on border security and immigration, but that is where the differences end.

But one of these men will actually get to be president, and however they decide to implement their stances on immigration, it will greatly affect not only people like Manuel, but

taxpayers who will have to pay for the changes. Towards the end of the flight, I asked Manuel who he would vote for if he could, and he immediately responded McCain, whom he believed had shown a lot of support for the Latino community over the past few years. In the moment, it dawned on me that the whole system seemed a little backwards. Manuel was working and supporting the American economy, he had an engaged and active political opinion, he knew what changes he wanted to see in the country and yet he was being flown to Mexico on the taxpayers' bill.

I don't know if either McCain or Obama will be able to make any change or improvement to our current policies regarding illegal immigration or the enforcement of those policies that have the potential to uproot people and transport them to a world which may be completely alien to them. But I do know that my encounter with one person, a person close to my own age, showed me a glimpse of a system based on policies that don't really seem to work and, by their seeming inhumanity, appear a little un-American as well. And if this election is really about change, maybe this issue is something we can work on.

## McCain Fails to Address Education

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mediate relation to the situation. Being a college professor herself, she often comes across stories of students struggling. "My students," she admitted during the conference, "cannot afford four more years of the same failed policies of the last eight. More than ever before, I am seeing students who cannot do their homework because they can't afford the textbooks. They can't drive back to campus because gas is too expensive to make the trip."

Mrs. Biden explained how the plan outlined by Obama and Biden can and will help college students pay their tuition costs and more easily receive financial aid. As she acknowledged, during the last few years many students failed to receive federal grants because they were unable to follow the instructions concerning the application process. "You shouldn't need a Ph.D. to apply for a grant," she said. Thus, what Obama proposes in his campaign, according to Jill Biden, is the simplification of the application procedure, so that students won't be discouraged to apply to college by some intricate instructions. Instead of submitting the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the families of the students will be able to apply for federal aid by checking a small box in their tax forms, authorizing in this way their tax information to be used for financial aid processes. Students won't need to fill in and submit any other separate applications.

Kal Penn also contributed his point of view. Among other things, he mentioned that he has traveled to a lot of campuses lately, and the main concern students expressed was about their futures and their integration into the working world as soon as they graduate. He added that Obama and Biden had a fea-

sible solution. "They plan to invest in the manufacturing sector that will create five million new green jobs," he enthusiastically explained. "And this plan will help the students who are now graduating."

However, where Obama's proponents see promise, Senator McCain sees danger and waste. He believes that Obama's plan will lead to unnecessary expenses. Senator McCain seems to refuse spending more on education than is already being spent. However, he does support government vouchers which would allow low-income public school students to attend private institutions using public money.

Obama doesn't seem charmed by the idea. "Even if Senator McCain were to say that vouchers were the way to go, I disagree with him on this, because the data doesn't actually show that it solves the problem," Mr. Obama explained that because vouchers cannot be extended, they cannot be used as a general educational reform plan.

Thus, the two senators seem to reach no consensus. Where Senator McCain mostly stays reticent and stringent when it comes to educational reforms, Senator Obama enthusiastically campaigns for multiple reform plans he intends to enact once elected. And let's be frank. Senator Obama has some very good ideas; our only questions are whether he will be able to implement them in time for the current generation of students to benefit and whether they will have the long-term results Senator Obama desires. Will investing in the manufacturing industry automatically create the number of jobs expected? Will the fact that more student will apply for financial aid mean that more students will eventually receive federal grants? Or, will Senator Obama's plan only lead to a waste of capital that could be used in ways with a more predictable outcome?

## Non-Maine Students Should Not Elect Maine Candidates

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of electoral votes among the population, particularly in an election that will have such great consequences on every American's life. Why should a ski bum in Colorado have greater effect on which economic policies will dominate our nation for the next four years than a businessman in New York? Why should farmers in Illinois have less influence over which agricultural policies come into effect than their neighbors in Missouri? On a theoretical basis, they shouldn't, justifying

a little maneuvering on our parts to make sure our opinions are heard as loudly as possible on a national level.

Yet on the state and local level, I believe it immoral to vote as a resident of the state that is not actually your home state. While we live in Maine nine months out of the year, out-of-state Bates students are not representative of Maine residents, and likely, do not hold many of the same opinions as permanent Mainers. Although the decision of who becomes president will certainly affect our day-to-day lives, it won't really hinder or

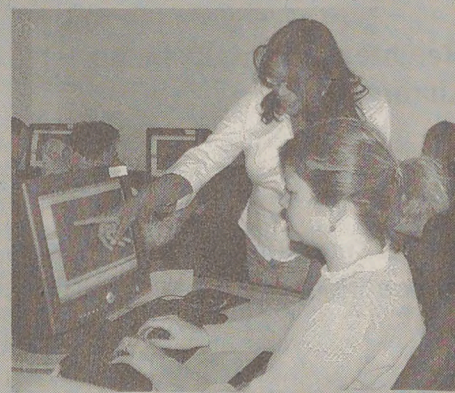
help us if Susan Collins gets elected over Tom Allen. The outcome of who will become the next local decision maker in each district in Maine should be left to the locals and should reflect their opinions, particularly considering the depressed nature of the local economy.

So while I want to do everything I can to make sure that come Election Day, my vote for a certain Democratic presidential candidate counts, as a Connecticut resident, I will not check any boxes for local and state positions on the Maine ballot that I fill out.

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# NEWS

The Bates Student

## "Global Warming" vs. "Climate Change"

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Television anchors and political candidates this election season have often used the phrase "climate change" to refer to the warming of the Earth's surface while many scientists use a different, more specific term: global warming. Naomi Oreskes, professor of history of science at the University of California, San Diego, gave a lecture titled, "The Denial of Global Warming" last Monday, Oct. 20, in which she implicated the "climate change" phrase as symptomatic of a larger effort on the part of conservatives to distort science, thus ensuring that their ideology prevails.

Chair of the Women and Gender Studies Department Rebecca Herzig introduced Oreskes and highlighted the importance of her work. In a collegiate culture where many students define themselves as either "science people" or "humanities people," it's refreshing that Oreskes, as a historian of science, has been able to bridge the gap, noted Herzig. Oreskes' lecture was the second in the College Lectures Committee annual lectures series.

Oreskes started her presentation with a quotation from her state's governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger. Speaking of the irrefutable evidence for the warming of the Earth, he said in 2005, "the debate is over." The good news, Oreskes reported, is that 72 percent of Americans are completely or mostly convinced that global warming is happening. The bad news is that 29 percent of Americans are still unconvinced that global warming is occurring and 41 percent, including the Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin, attribute warming to "natural variability" and not to human activity.

The public has been the "victim" of a deliberate attempt to downplay the threat of global warming, according to Oreskes. In 2003, Republican strategist Frank Luntz sent a memo to Republican congressional candidates advising them to continue using the phrase "climate change" because, as he said, "it's a lot less frightening." He also instructed his fellow conservatives to emphasize that the scientific evidence proving global warming was still uncertain, legitimizing remarks such as Palin's "the jury's still out."

Using the history of scientific studies of the atmosphere, Oreskes showed that evidence suggesting global warm-

ing comes from anthropogenic, or man-made, causes has existed for decades. In 1965, the National Academy of Sciences predicted that by the year 2000 there would be about 25 percent more carbon dioxide which would "modify the heat balance of the atmosphere." The carbon dioxide levels in 2000 were actually about 30 percent higher than they were in 1965. Lyndon Johnson, the one politician who had paid attention to this dire warning, was soon distracted by the Vietnam War, and the global warming issue was put off until the next decade.

In the 1970s, a doubling of the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere led to a two to three degree increase in average temperatures. Thirty years ago, in 1978, Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Robert White foresaw "potential economic and social impacts" from global warming. The following year the NAS reached a consensus that global warming "was likely to happen and that it would not be trivial," said Oreskes.

The accumulation of evidence in the 1970s proving a warming of the earth's surface connected to human activity led to the formation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 1988. As more scientists reached the same conclusions, Congress introduced, but failed to pass, the National Energy Policy Act in 1988. In 1992, President George H.W. Bush signed the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. If America was committed to international standards to reduce global warming in 1992, Oreskes asked, "What happened?"

Conservative ideologues have told the American people that no proof exists for global warming. Even if it is happening, it is not a bad thing and human technology can adapt to it. They fear that governmental regulation of greenhouse gases would hurt the economy, explained Oreskes. "We seem to have done that without controlling greenhouse gases," she added.

To prove her claims, Oreskes delved into more of the history of science. Most academics, including about 6,500 scientists, strongly opposed Cold War scientific programs, especially "Star Wars" and the Strategic Defense Initiative. Members of the minority of scientists who supported these programs formed the George

C. Marshall Institute. Founded by the physicist Robert Jastrow, scientists on the Institute's board tended to be very accomplished and often connected to the defense and space industries.

After the Cold War ended, the Institute continued its work but shifted to different issues. Frank Seitz, former president of medical school Rockefeller University, joined the Institute and set to work dispelling the notion that smoking caused cancer. Unlike scientific research institutes, the Marshall Institute does not conduct research. Its goal is to pressure the media and, under FCC equal time standards, it sued television stations that did not devote equal time to programs that refuted the anthropogenic evidence for global warming. While its members may have been considered experts when they were dealing with Cold War science programs, the Institute employs no climatologists. Refuting all evidence for warming, they attacked the first President Bush for signing the 1992 international treaty which would "undermine [America's] national sovereignty" and they eventually attacked scientists for "deliberately deceiving and exaggerating," explained Oreskes.

Underlying all of the Institute's initiatives is laissez-faire ideology and the goal of "staving off government regulation," Oreskes said. These conservatives have deemed government regulation a "form of creeping communism," and they mock environmentalists for being watermelons: "green on the outside, red on the inside." Oreskes accused them of "camouflaging a political debate as a scientific one" and purposely confusing the American people to delay government intervention.

Contesting conservative ideology, Oreskes believes "that we've never had a free market" and that "you actually need regulation to have competition." Because the American people "have been the victims of a mass misinformation campaign," Oreskes stressed that "it's not enough to just do research and publish it in a journal. You have to have a way of communicating it to the people." Americans, according to Oreskes, have an "ethical responsibility" to combat global warming because its effects threaten the whole planet, not just those who burn the fossil fuels that warm Earth's surface temperature.

## Philosopher Explains Human Culture's Infatuation with War

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Philosopher Sam Keen delivered an engaging and informative presentation titled, "The Enduring Appeal of War and the Quest for Moral and Erotic Alternatives" to the Bates community on Oct. 8.

Keen began his discussion by offering that "we can live without another war." He then posed a question that initiated an explanation of human culture as it relates to violence and strife: "do we want to?" According to Keen, humans are "bio-mythic creatures;" they are defined primarily by genetic information (bio) and by cultural institutions and beliefs (mythic). In other words, humans are very much shaped by the narrative with which society presents them. If the human tendency towards war and violence is simply a result of social forces "shoving software disks into you at birth," then this tendency is endogenous to the human biological identity.

Keen holds that human culture is infatuated with war because it frames life in a simple, polar context: the good guys, or us, versus the evil guys, or them, creating, as he described, an "adult fairy tale." By attributing a tangible source to evil and injustice, war yields humanity a conquerable, existential objective and enforces the notion that if the enemy is defeated, a utopian society can arise. Aside from this basic comfort, contributing to wartime efforts can provide a vacation from the monotony of civilian life. It allows participants the godlike power of making decisions about human death, and it even provides a venue for the fulfillment of sadistic urges, which, Keen explained, everyone has.

War provides both the opportunity for adventure and a chance to demonstrate the superiority of one's ideology, a notion seen throughout history from the religious crusades in Europe to the U.S. involvement in the Middle East. These concepts give weight to the argument that preferences regarding war are tempered by cultural institutions, thus not immutable. However, Keen contends that because humans consider war as an "event," and not as a culturally embedded psychological system, we have not created an effective method to achieve peace. Serenity between peoples will require a comprehensive redefinition of society's message about heroism, patriotism and the relationship between good and evil. A system of peace that parallels the system of war should include a new emphasis on "social entrepreneurs" like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or Ghandi as heroes, and a refinement of traditional gender stereotypes, he said. Such a system should encourage international travel as a means of enforcing the global, human identity and transcending national differences.

In Keen's view, more authority should be vested in international criminal courts to enable the effective prosecution of war crimes, and an education of conflict resolution and the history of war and propaganda should be given to young individuals in every society. While admitting that these objectives seem daunting, Keen emphasized that it is important, if nothing else, to attain a personal relationship with one's own good and evil. According to Keen, if humanity is to deconstruct the mythology of warfare, it must come to terms with human mortality and learn to live with the notion that all people are both good and evil.



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## News in Brief

### Psychologist Explores Muslim American Social and Cultural Identity

Dr. Saba Rasheed Ali, a psychologist who teaches at the University of Iowa, gave a lecture on "Muslims in America" on Oct. 6. As part of the Mellon Innovation Grant given to the Bates Psychology Department, the lecture was one in a series of four concerning issues of "Diversity and Domains in Life."

Ali's interest in the topic of Muslim Americans stems from her own experiences as a Sunni Muslim growing up in southern West Virginia. Both of her parents were immigrants from Pakistan, and she was therefore often faced with issues of multiculturalism and identity struggle. By speaking to students, Ali hopes to contextualize the experience of Muslim Americans, bring forth more awareness and understanding about them, and emphasize the common human experience as a whole.

The lecture began with the question, "Muslim American: An Oxymoron?" Ali then introduced background knowledge about Muslim Americans and the history of Islam itself. She cited that there are approximately six to eight million Muslim Americans and that Islam will be the second largest religion in the United States by 2010. She also cleared up the common misconception that Islam is a "Middle Eastern" religion, when, in actuality, the five countries with the highest percentage of Muslims are not on the Arabian Peninsula.

Ali mainly focused on American perceptions of Muslims. Even prior to 9/11, a 1988 Roper Poll showed that 50 percent of Americans believed that Muslims are "inherently anti-American and supportive of terrorism." Then in 2004, Cornell University poll results revealed that 44 percent of Americans believed that Muslims' civil liberties should be curtailed and 22 percent supported racial profiling. Perhaps most startling was the 1,600 percent increase in hate crimes against Muslims after 2001, as well as increases in hate crimes against Sikhs, Asian Indians and Latino Americans.

Ali also focused on a study she conducted about the experience of Muslim women. Many of these women have faced discrimination for choosing to wear the hijab, specifically in the work place. While some women report removing it out of fear for their safety or job security, many women continue to wear the hijab due to strong religious beliefs or familial reasons.

Despite the common misconception that Muslim practices are often patriarchal or sexist, a majority of Muslim women Ali researched labeled themselves as feminists, while a majority of Protestant women rejected this title. One of the sources for this misconception comes from associating practices that are enacted by elite secular and Muslim leaders, such as refusing women the right to drive or leave the house alone in Saudi Arabia, with the religion as a whole.

In the end, Ali tied the lecture back to the idea of creating an "intersection of identities" so that people of other religions can see the commonality between themselves and Muslim Americans. To support this, she cited that when the Pew Research Center surveyed 1,050 diverse Muslim Americans in 2007, 63 percent claimed there was "no conflict between being a Muslim and living in modern society," and 51 percent said they were "concerned about a rise in Islamic extremism." Ali hopes that by creating cross-cultural ties, American Muslims will be able to overcome the negative stigma their religion faces today.

-ALLY MANDRA/THE BATES STUDENT

### "Game Face": Panelists Discuss the Role of Gender in Women's Athletics

The Bates Women and Gender Studies Department, in conjunction with the Bates Athletics Department, sponsored a panel on Oct. 23 comprised of students, teachers and alumni that dealt with issues of gender roles in athletic culture.

Keelin Godsey '06, a former Bates track star and current transgender who placed seventh in the women's Olympic hammer trials, offered his unique perspective on the paradoxical view of women in sports. He explained that while the natural body type of an athletic female consists of a muscular physique and perhaps what our culture deems "masculine" features, women are not appreciated for looking strong. Competitive females, he holds, are often pressured to emphasize stereotypically feminine features and are questioned and even shunned for physical or aesthetic deviance. Perhaps the real problem, Godsey explained, is that the widely recognized perception of "sexy" is defined inappropriately, paying little attention to athleticism.

Noel Nguyen '11, a coxswain on the rowing team, considered how the role of cultural barriers and traditional gender roles can affect women's involvement in sports. Raised in a traditional Vietnamese family, Nguyen explained that her family unremittably disapproved of her participation in sports, which she believes are a vital support and educational system for children. Though she was able to convince her parents to allow her involvement throughout high school, to this day Nguyen does not receive their explicit support for her athletic endeavors.

Matt Lopez '07, an Account Executive for the Boston Breakers, explained that in the professional realm, knowledge related to the male sports industries greatly outshines its female counterpart. He explained that in considering effective marketing methods that target women, it is important to create a role model out of female professionals, focusing predominately on athleticism and less on stereotypical sex appeal. Lopez did, however, observe that it is unrealistic to ignore the presence of culturally influenced observations of sexuality and physical attraction. The difficulty in marketing is finding a balance through which both factors are present but "oversexualization" does not occur.

Other participants included professor Erica Rand, rugby player Julia McCarrier '10 and Nordic skiing coach Becky Woods. Members of the audience spoke about the inequality of game-play through the overly sensitive attitude of referees who regulate female sports and discrepancies between male and female game rules in general. Ultimately, it was agreed that regardless of gender or sexual preference, people enjoy seeing "attractive bodies," and that it is our responsibility to craft a healthy, personal perspective through which athletes can be appreciated for the skill and artful athleticism that they exhibit.

-GARDINER NARDINI/THE BATES STUDENT

### Advances in Technology Will Refine Individual Healthcare, Says Author

Thomas Goetz '90 addressed a group of Lewiston residents, Bates faculty and students about the importance of understanding the genes that are the essence of human life on Oct. 21. Goetz, who graduated from Bates with a degree in English, is currently the Deputy Editor of Wired Magazine. Inspired by his own desire to possess expertise, Goetz earned a Master's Degree in Public Health at UC Berkeley. His lecture took knowledge from his master's studies to explain the necessity of agency regarding health in our country.

On average, Goetz said, visits to the physician's office only last about seven minutes. In his book, "The Decision Tree," scheduled for release sometime next year, Goetz pushes for people to start helping their bodies before they feel symptoms. As technology progresses, there are more opportunities for individuals to understand the unique peculiarities of their own bodies. Through calculating genes, family history, personal habits and environment, technology has provided the ability to see the risks of many illnesses within different bodies with differing lifestyles. Goetz argued that understanding these risks will make people "much less reactionary, [and] much more progressive" regarding their health.

Companies like Navigenics and 23andME, which analyze DNA to discover what risk customers may have of developing certain diseases, represent an initial step towards Goetz's thesis. In his lecture, he presented the audience with the idea of a chance to catch developing diseases early so that precautionary methods can be taken. For example, if a man were to submit his DNA to Navigenics and discover that he had a 40 percent chance of developing type 2 diabetes, Goetz argued that he might begin to take his health more seriously – exercising more, eating healthier and having annual blood tests. A biologist in the audience pointed out the other side of the argument: if this same person had found he only had a 10 percent chance of developing the disease, he might take less care of his body and overlook other health issues that could emerge.

Goetz accused skeptics of seeing the release of gene configuration as a release of "toxic information." He reiterated that knowing this information will just facilitate healthy living. To only use medicine as a reactionary device, he said, is not using it to its full potential. With technologies emerging from Apple and NIKE, companies that help runners keep tabs on their distance and collaborate runs online with other users, Goetz pointed out that many are already en route to fulfilling his goal.

His goal of intercepting diseases by fully understanding the bodies that foster them would shift massive amounts of responsibility to the individual. Goetz challenged the audience, and will challenge his readers, to take responsibility of their own health by using the available science. "We can deal with this information," he promised. "We can cope with the knowledge."

-NAIMA MURPHY/THE BATES STUDENT

## New Clubs Broaden Extracurricular Options

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Bates students looking for something to do on campus now have several interesting new options. This semester, BCSG has approved 14 new clubs, bringing the total up to 113.

Three of these clubs are academically oriented. Helicase, formed with biology majors in mind, will organize field trips, lectures and other activities for those interested in the natural sciences. Students whose scientific interests include the goal of working in healthcare can also look to ClubMed, which founder Kristen Meyers '09 describes as a "support group" for pre-med students, and which will bring in speakers currently working or studying in health care fields. Students who prefer the humanities may find the German Club to be of interest. According to founder Arta Osmanaj '09, the club will "organize literature and poetry nights, political debate circles on current issues in Germany, as well as music festivities and movie nights," with the goal of "expanding our knowledge of German culture and promoting it at Bates."

The arts are also well-represented in this year's new offerings. The Bates Public Art Club is, as founder Allison Spangler '10 explained, "an open forum geared towards students, members of the Bates community, and

of the greater Lewiston-Auburn area that meets to discuss the creation and spread of artistic ideas on Bates' campus." The club will sponsor student exhibitions and create public works. The Knit-Wits will gather to knit and socialize, with the goal of donating their knitting to charity. A capella fans will find another group added to the mix at Bates this year with TakeNote, which was founded, according to Allegra Scharff '11, "to bridge the gap between the desire to be in a group and the probability of getting into one." Musicians with more exotic tastes can explore traditional Japanese drumming with the Taiko Club, which will gather to practice and perform.

Students dissatisfied with Bates' conventional athletic offerings will also find new opportunities this year. The adventurous may be intrigued by the Skydiving Club, which will organize trips to a nearby drop zone, or the Kite Surfing Club, founded by Will Morse '09, which will "provide the opportunity for experts and novices alike to kite surf." Those with less extreme taste may enjoy the Badminton Club.

Several community and cultural groups have also been founded this year. Students with international interests will welcome Bates' newly formed chapter of Model United Nations. The Africana Club will seek to increase awareness of the depth and diversity of African cultures at

Bates. Founder Victor Babatunde '11 explained that he was motivated to start the group by his many encounters with Americans "who have this notion that Africa is a nation." Those interested in social justice will appreciate Bates Students Against Poverty, which will seek to spread awareness of poverty on local and global levels and work towards creative and sustainable solutions. They may also be drawn to the Immigrant Rights Advocacy Group, which will "work on both community engagement projects with refugees, which involves a tutoring and mentoring sort of program, in addition to working with local immigrant and refugee communities to bring cultural events on campus," according to president Jake Nudel '09. The group is also working on political advocacy, developing a website and bringing speakers to campus.

According to Vice President of Student Clubs Tatum Fraites '09, this year's approval process went "extremely well," with a strong seven-member Organizational Review Board that met twice to approve the clubs and "actually had a lot of fun analyzing their constitutions." With new club leaders that Fraites said were "very cooperative and an absolute pleasure to work with," this year's new student organizations will add depth and diversity to Bates' many offerings.

## Trustees Selected for "Wisdom, Wealth and Work"

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Three appointments to the Bates College Board of Trustees were made this September, with the addition of Steven Brown '69, Sarah Pearson '75 and Jeremy Sclar '88 to the group.

Selecting new trustees at Bates is a systematic process. The Board Governance Committee, whose job it is to "research, review and appoint trustees," nominates an average of three trustees annually. "We solicit nominees from the Alumni Council and from parents of Bates students," said President Elaine Tuttle Hansen.

The Chairperson of the Board and Hansen then conduct an "exploratory meeting" with nominees. "It is a delicate conversation because you want to find out whether they [the nominee] would be suitable for the job and whether they would be interested in serving on the Board," Hansen said.

"Wisdom, wealth and work," according to Hansen, are the basic criteria for appointing new trustees. "They must have the ability and willingness to work hard in support of the college and its priorities," Hansen said.

Strategic thinking and strong leadership are also two key attributes sought in nominees and "are often hard to judge," according to Hansen. "They must be able to galvanize others around a goal or project," she said.

In addition to being solid leaders and hard workers, trustees must also be "ambassadors" for the college. "They must be willing to use networks of friends and associates to help fundraise and support Bates," Hansen said.

A diverse Board of Trustees is vital to representing the various interests of the College, Hansen explained. "Our mission is the liberal arts and sciences," she said. "We are looking for people that represent the professions our students are going into. If we had all academics on the board, we would be losing other dimensions." She added, "It's like creating a class at Bates. You wouldn't want everyone to be an English major."

The demographic make-up of the Board is also considered when selecting new members. "Trustees are important to our ongoing relationships with over 20,000 Bates alumni who live all over the world," Hansen said. "They are important 'representatives' of the College in their communities, professions and other local affiliations." The Board currently faces the issue that only two of its 40 trustees, Karl Mills and Quoc Tran, represent the West Coast of the United States. The three new appointees are from Massachusetts and Illinois.

The Board of Trustees is currently tackling a range of issues. "They [the trustees] have been hearing from me about the hot button student issues: financial aid and demographics," Hansen said. "One of our most important priorities is sustaining and enhancing our ability to offer financial aid so that the most talented students can both benefit from a Bates education and contribute to the collective richness of our campus community."

A diverse student body is critical to "providing the best, most inclusive liberal education for the twenty-first century" and for "preparing students to live in a country

where the meaning of the word 'minorities' is changing rapidly," Hansen said.

The Board is also reviewing the initiatives of the "planning process" that began last September with 175 faculty, staff and students brainstorming ways to improve Bates. Three college-wide initiatives, "learning at Bates," "science and math in the liberal arts," and "the arts in the college and community," were established by four groups of faculty, staff and students. The initiatives will implement a variety of projects such as renovation of the science facilities and establishment of a Center for Teaching and Learning.

"The Board of Trustees will collaborate with the 'planning process' groups through updates by the groups," said Ben Hester '10, a member of the Steering Group. "The progress and findings of the groups will be presented to the Board when they are at Bates. The Board also gets Planning Updates sent out by President Hansen," he explained.

Some Steering Group members think it is important for the Board to execute all three initiatives concurrently. "I think the three initiatives the President has set forth can be – and should be – worked on simultaneously," said Matt Cote, Associate Professor of Chemistry. "The one focusing on learning at Bates is very broad in scope, while the two addressing the sciences and the arts balance each other well. The College already has a bit of momentum in each of the areas addressed by the initiatives so it is appropriate that they be selected to move forward promptly."

## Intervention Could Taint Salvadorian Elections

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Representatives of U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities and the Association of Rural Communities for the Development of El Salvador (CRIPDES) spoke to members of the Bates community about the upcoming elections in El Salvador on Monday, Oct. 13.

U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities is a grassroots organization that partners U.S. citizens in solidarity with small rural communities in El Salvador. In Maine, the city of Bangor, the Maine Organic Farmers and Growers Association, and WERU Community Radio are all partnered with the Salvadorian department of Chalatenango and are working on projects such as the sale of fair trade Salvadorian coffee in the United States (MOFGA) and the promotion of alternative media (WERU). CRIPDES is the largest grassroots organization based in El Salvador, and it coordinates the organization and mobilization of more than 300 rural communities to "improve living conditions...in harmony with the environment," without resorting to mining.

Sponsored by the Immigration Rights Advocacy Group, New World Coalition and Latinos Unidos, the presentation focused on U.S.-El Salvador relations and the importance of advocacy against U.S. intervention in the 2009 legislative and presidential elections.

Bernardo Belloso of CRIPDES began by speaking about the dire conditions in El Salvador and how the country's political and economic relationship with the United States has worsened these conditions. Belloso cited that 78 percent of Salvadorians are living in poverty and 22 percent in extreme poverty, with some families of four or five people living on just one dollar per day. This abject poverty, he said, has been

exacerbated by the 2006 signing of a free trade agreement with the U.S. under right-wing president Rodrigo Avila of the ARENA party.

Heriberto Orellana, a CRIPDES leader in the community of Carasque, Chalatenango, explained that 95 percent of the people in Chalatenango do not receive benefits from the free trade agreement with the United States. "When they told us about the free trade agreement, they told us about exporting our products," he said. According to Orellana, the reality is that, since the majority of Salvadorian businesses are farming families rather than large companies, they cannot legalize their businesses and therefore cannot export. The actual result of the free trade agreement, then, is that their products have to compete in the world market against untaxed imports from countries such as the United States. Since imports are no longer taxed, the Salvadorian government is raising prices on food products to make up the difference. As Belloso put it, the system is one that "every day makes the poor poorer and the rich richer."

The economic situation in El Salvador has caused mass emigration, with 740 Salvadorians leaving daily for the United States. "These immigrants don't leave our country because they like adventure," Belloso joked. "They emigrate because there aren't opportunities to better themselves in El Salvador." He noted that 75 percent of El Salvador's national budget currently comes from remittances from the 3.2 million immigrants living in the United States. Orellana spoke about the many negative effects of immigration, including the splitting of families, the abandonment of communities and the loss of potential community organizers. He said that immigration to the United States would continue to rise unless something changed in the upcoming Salvadorian elections.

Salvadorians currently have their sights set on Mauricio Funes of the left-wing National Liberation Front (FMLN) party. Belloso noted that various social sectors participated in forming FMLN's platform and that the party is currently leading the polls by more than 20 percentage points. Without interference, Funes should become the next Salvadorian president.

The elections are threatened, however, by the possibility of fraud and pending intervention by the U.S. government. "Because of [past U.S. intervention], we're worried that the United States will continue to intervene in the elections in our country," Belloso said. This July, Ambassador Charles Glazer admitted to U.S. intervention in the 2004 elections in El Salvador on behalf of the ARENA party. Another imminent threat is misinformation spread to immigrant families claiming that their remittances will be cut off should the FMLN win.

In an attempt to ensure that the 2009 elections are fair and sovereign, Sister Cities urges U.S. citizens to contact their senators, write to their local press and hold marches in front of U.S. government offices to demand non-intervention. The organization, along with CRIPDES, also encourages U.S. citizens, particularly groups of college students, to travel to El Salvador during the elections to serve as international observers. The trips (Jan. 13-21 and March 10-18) will involve election observer training, actual observation at the polls and a press conference to report the delegation's findings. The cost is \$800-\$850 per person, without airfare. After the presentation, several Bates students expressed interest in organizing a group to participate in such a trip.

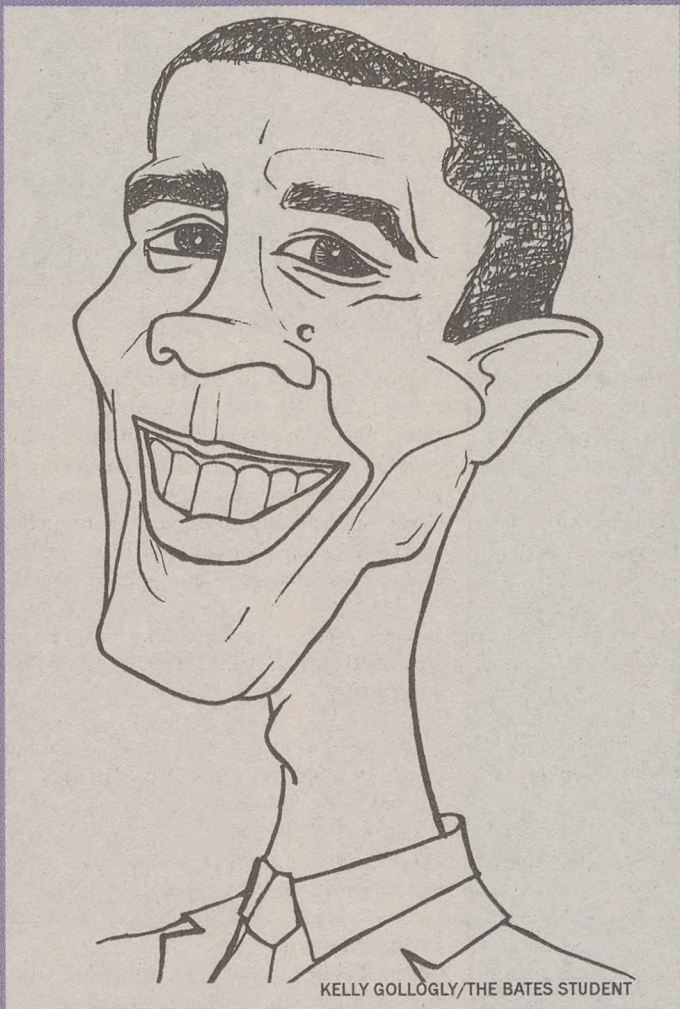
Editor's Note: Belloso and Orellana's quotations were translated from the Spanish by Jan Morrill.



# ELECTION

The Bates Student

## Barack Obama



### Economy

- "I think tax policy is a major difference between Senator McCain and myself. And we both want to cut taxes, the difference is who we want to cut taxes for...What I've said is I want to provide a tax cut for 95 percent of working Americans, 95 percent...if you make less than a quarter of a million dollars a year, then you will not see your income tax go up..." - Third Presidential Debate (Oct. 15)
- A windfall profits tax on oil company profits will provide families with \$1,000 to cope with the recession.
  - "Jumpstart the Economy" relief plan: \$25 billion towards state relief.
  - Jobs and Growth Fund: \$25 billion towards infrastructure and school repair, preventing 1 million American jobs from being cut.
  - A \$1,000 tax cut per family, or \$500 per person, eliminating income taxes for over 10 million Americans.

### Environment

- "...And that means, yes, increasing domestic production and off-shore drilling, but we only have three percent of the world's oil supplies and we use 25 percent of the world's oil. So we can't simply drill our way out of the problem. What we're going to have to do is to approach it through alternative energy like solar, and wind, and biodiesel, and, yes, nuclear energy, clean-coal technology." - First Presidential Debate (Sept. 26)
- New Energy for America plan: five million new "green collar" jobs over the next 10 years.
  - Elimination of our dependence on foreign oil, through an increase in fuel economy standards, a million Plug-In Hybrid cars on the road by 2015 and a \$7,000 tax credit for purchasing energy-efficient cars.
  - A Renewable Portfolio Standard, requiring 25 percent of electricity to come from renewable sources by 2025.
  - Obama's plans aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2025.

### Education

- "I'll recruit an army of new teachers, pay them higher salaries and give them more support. In exchange, I'll ask for higher standards and more accountability. We'll keep our promise to every young American: if you commit to serving your community and your country, we will make sure you can afford a college education." - Democratic National Convention (Aug. 27)
- Reform of No Child Left Behind, shifting the focus away from standardized test preparation. Failing schools will be financially supported rather than punished.
  - "Make College a Reality" initiative: bolster college attendance rates and increase the number of students enrolled in AP classes by 50 percent by 2016. Grants will be provided for low income students.
  - Teacher Service Scholarships: commitment to at least four years of service in a high need field or location may be exchanged for four years of undergraduate education and two years of graduate education.

### Foreign Policy

- "I reserve the right, as president of the United States, to meet with anybody at a time and place of my choosing if I think it's going to keep America safe." - First Presidential Debate (Sept. 26)
- An immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq which should ensue at a pace of 1 to 2 brigades a month for a total of 16 months.
  - A residual force will remain in Iraq and in the region to conduct targeted counter-terrorism missions against al Qaeda in Iraq and to protect American diplomatic and civilian personnel.
  - An aggressive diplomatic effort to reach a comprehensive compact on the stability of Iraq and the region that will include the consensus of Iran and Syria
  - \$2 billion to expand services to Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries and to ensure that Iraqis inside their own country can find sanctuary.

## Why Bates Students Should Vote for Barack Obama, in 500 Words or Less

The Bates Democrats endorse Sen. Barack Obama enthusiastically for President of the United States. In a time of division and anxiety, it is our belief that Obama is qualified uniquely to serve our nation as President. Obama is right on the issues that matter most to Americans.

Obama favors bringing about a responsible end to the Iraq War, while John McCain is content to spend \$10 billion a month while the Iraqis sit on a nearly \$80 billion surplus. Obama favors making health care more affordable, while McCain would tax health care benefits for the first time ever under a risky plan that could lead to the end of employer-provided health care. Obama supports protecting Social Security, while McCain was for privatization that would have put our seniors' retirement benefits at the whim of the market. Obama supports common-sense regulation of Wall Street run amok, while McCain supported deregulation in a culture of corruption and greed, at the expense of the American people. Obama supports tax breaks for the middle class, who are hurting through no fault of their own. McCain, however, supports tax breaks for corporations as they ship American jobs overseas. Barack Obama opposed the dangerous Bush tax cuts for the super-wealthy that have contributed to doubling our national debt, while John McCain has supported them as he fell in line with Bush economics, sacrificing his principles for political ambition. Obama picked a running mate in Joe Biden who we can confidently say is qualified to ascend to the Presi-

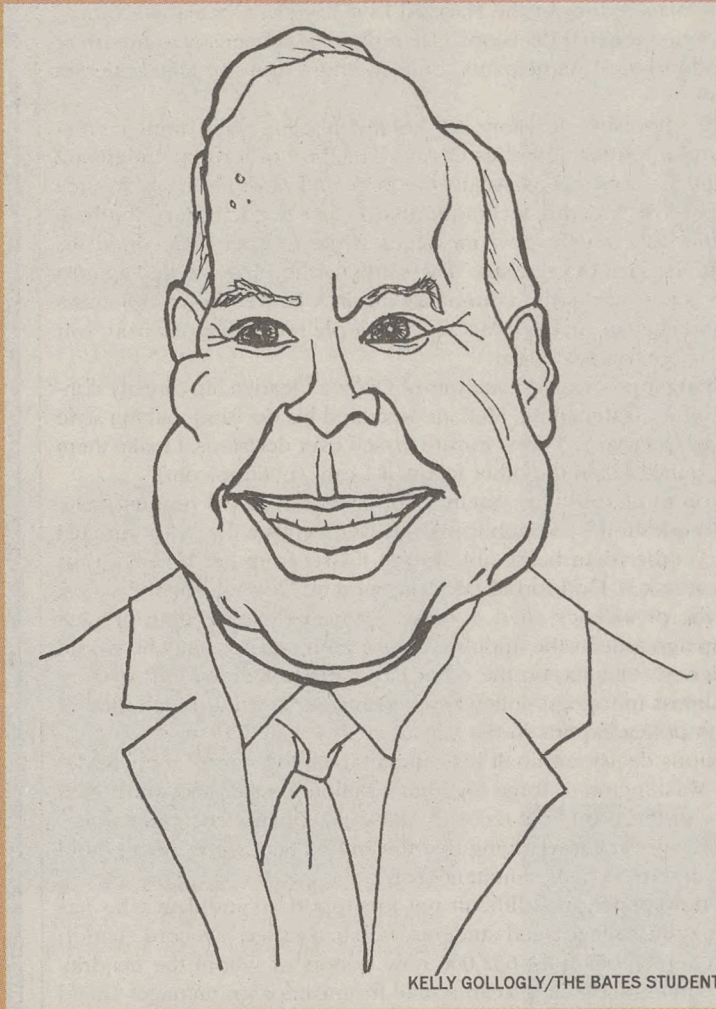
dency. McCain, however, has failed to pick a running mate qualified for the Presidency, as Sarah Palin has indicated time and again since the selection was made.

In McCain's attempt to secure the Presidency, the Straight Talk Express has been derailed. Unable to compete with Sen. Obama on the issues, the McCain campaign has tried to assault Obama's character. It has not worked, and news organizations have debunked the frivolous attacks of the McCain campaign. The American people are tired of being afraid, and they will no longer stand for the Bush-McCain rhetoric of division and despair. The McCain campaign itself said that if they continued to talk about the economy, they would lose. A campaign that has to duck issues to contend is not worthy of sending its candidate to the highest office in the land.

The American people face a fundamental choice on November 4th (or before, vote early!). We can look to the past, or we can look toward the future. The past eight years are enough to threaten anyone's optimism, but Barack Obama will lead us to a brighter tomorrow. As Obama has said on the campaign trail, we cannot afford to have the next four years look like the past eight. Under an Obama administration, we will get our economy back on track and repair our image in the world that has been so badly damaged over the past eight years. Please vote Obama/Biden! Yes, we can!

BATES DEMOCRATS

## John McCain



### Economy

- "The fact is that businesses in America today are paying the second highest tax rate of anywhere in the world...We need to cut the business tax rate in America...We need to encourage business, create jobs, not spread the wealth around." - Third Presidential Debate (Oct. 15)
- A tax plan that will keep the top tax rate at 35 percent, maintain the 15 percent rates on dividends and capital gains, and phase-out the Alternative Minimum Tax.
  - A Corporate Tax Rate reduced from 35 to 25 percent and a ban on Internet and new cell phone taxes.
  - Removal of the 54 cents per gallon tax on imported sugar-based ethanol, increasing competition and lowering prices of gasoline at the pump.

### Environment

- "We have to have wind, tide, solar, natural gas, flex fuel cars and all that but we also have to have offshore drilling and we also have to have nuclear power...Nuclear power is not only important as far as eliminating our dependence on foreign oil but it's also important as far as climate change is concerned..." - First Presidential Debate (Sept. 26)
- A lifting of restrictions on drilling in domestic oil reserves.
  - A cap-and-trade system that would set limits on greenhouse gas emissions while encouraging the development of low-cost compliance options.
  - Trading of emission permits to find the lowest-cost source of emission reductions.
  - Clean Car Challenge: a substantial tax credit for the consumer based on the reduction of carbon emissions and a \$5,000 tax credit for each and every customer who buys a zero carbon emission car.

### Education

- "Education is the civil rights issue of this century. Equal access to public education has been gained. But what is the value of access to a failing school? We need to shake up failed school bureaucracies with competition, empower parents with choice. Let's remove barriers to qualified instructors, attract and reward good teachers, and help bad teachers find another line of work." - Republican National Convention (Sept. 4)
- McCain will build on the lessons of No Child Left Behind, emphasizing standards and accountability.
  - Five percent of Title II funding will go to states to recruit teachers who graduate in the top 25 percent of their class or who participate in programs such as Teach for America.
  - McCain will simplify existing higher education tax benefits to ensure that a greater number of families have a lower tax burden when they are helping to send their children to college.

### Foreign Policy

- "...I can tell you right now that Senator Obama would have brought our troops home [from Iraq] in defeat. I'll bring them home with victory and with honor and that is a fundamental difference." - Second Presidential Debate (Oct. 7)
- Bolster proven microfinance programs to spur local-level entrepreneurship throughout Iraq and help their economy flourish.
  - International pressure on Syria and Iran for their aid to Iraq.
  - Modernize and increase the size of our armed forces with the development and deployment of national missile defenses.
  - Reform defense procurement to ensure the faithful and efficient expenditure of taxpayer dollars that are made available for defense acquisition.

## Why Bates Students Should Vote for John McCain, in 500 Words or Less

Our country seems to be on the down-slope - we are in the midst of the worst economic crisis in decades and foreign policy situations are becoming ever more complex. We will count on our next president to lead us into better times. On November 4th, we need to choose a president with the experience to navigate these tough situations and the responsibility to work across party lines. We need to choose the candidate who knows how to accomplish the most for America, John McCain.

Senator John McCain has the experience we require of our next president. McCain was a naval officer from 1958 to 1981, during which he fought in Vietnam and served as the Naval Liaison to the Senate. McCain has been in Congress since the end of his naval career, winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982 and then the Senate in 1986, a huge contrast from his opponent junior Senator Barack Obama who has only served since 2005, for less than one full term in the Senate. With his 26 years of experience in national government, it is McCain who has the necessary perspective to make decisions as our President.

McCain also has the bipartisan record that shows he will work towards compromise as our next president. He has frequently worked across the aisle, including with Russ Feingold on campaign reform, Ted Kennedy on immigration and patient's rights, and Joe Lieberman on climate change and gun control. Recently, the

Washington Times confirmed McCain's bipartisanship with a study showing that in the past two Congresses, 55 percent of McCain's political partners have been Democrats whereas only 13 percent of Obama's partners have been Republicans. In 2007, the National Journal even named Obama the "Most Liberal Senator in 2007." As McCain said in the first debate, "It's hard to reach across the aisle from that far to the left." With predictions for a Democratic majority in Congress, it is important that our next president does not work belligerently against the legislature nor that he mindlessly follow them. John McCain has the proven record of bipartisanship and compromise that we should insist from our next president.

From looking at his history as a naval pilot in Vietnam to his congressional record, it is clear that John McCain's allegiance is always to the people he leads, not to a party and not to himself. When voting next week, we should look to John McCain's depth of experience and his unfaltering dedication to our democracy. We need to remember that while some people have used change to advance their careers, John McCain has used his career to advance change. McCain does not come with colorful posters, artsy T-shirts or catchy speeches, but what he does come with is more important - a history of bipartisanship, the experience to lead, and the commitment to putting our "Country First."

BATES REPUBLICANS



## The Student Endorses Obama

With the election just seven days away, the Bates Student Editorial Board is excited to endorse Senator Barack Obama for President. Neither candidate has much executive experience besides Senator John McCain's frequently referenced time as a naval aviator, yet the candidates' behavior and actions during this seemingly endless campaign reflect how they would lead the country.

Time and time again, Obama has proved himself an effective leader as he managed the campaign of the first African American major party presidential candidate. He has shown patience, fortitude and aptitude. Ever since his experience as the first black editor of the Harvard Law Review, Obama has valued academic prowess when making decisions. He embraces consensus to the point of forcing contribution by all participants, often pointing out the similarities in opposing arguments.

Obama forsakes impulsive decisions for careful planning and implementation. An article by Jodi Kantor describes Obama's method of forming judgment: "Devise a plan. Anticipate objections. Adjust the plan, and once it's in place, stick with it" (nytimes.com). It was this technique that beat Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton who continuously sought new messages while Obama maintained his consistency, even in the face of criticism. The same method has worked against McCain as polls in states across the country swing in Obama's favor. Obama's message of hope and change survived McCain's multiple reincarnations from war hero to maverick to country-first leader.

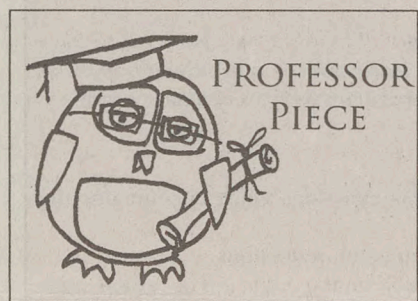
The intensive thought process and analysis of Obama's leadership directly contradicts McCain's. In his 2002 memoir, McCain described his decision-making style as "instinctive, often impulsive.... I don't torture myself over decisions. I make them as quickly as I can, quicker than the other fellow if I can" (nytimes.com).

McCain's decision to choose Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska as his running mate has been called into question by Republicans and Democrats alike. Her minimal foreign experience – other than being able to see Russia from her house – puts the whole country at risk if, God forbid, McCain, who at 72 would be the oldest person to assume the presidency, died in office. Her mediocre vetting process by the McCain campaign reflects the impulsiveness and unpredictability he would bring to the presidency. Obama, on the other hand, made a decision that complemented his weakness in foreign policy by choosing Senator Joe Biden, one of the foremost foreign policy experts in the Senate.

McCain's impetuous decision to halt his campaign, almost cancel the first debate, and return to Washington to forge together a bailout consensus contributed to the total collapse of the economic recovery package. Obama encouraged McCain to attend the debate, acknowledging that the United States president would be forced to tackle multiple issues simultaneously.

As a collegiate newspaper, it is difficult not to support a candidate who has stirred up such frenzy in college-aged students. Obama raised a record-shattering \$153 million in September from 632,000 new donors of whom the majority was students and retirees, according to an e-mail from campaign manager David Plouffe. While youth turnout has been unreliable in the past, if Obama's candidacy succeeds in bringing a massive amount of youth to the voting booths, it may usher in a new generation of political activism worthy of American democracy.

## Be Careful What You Wish For



JOHN BAUGHMAN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On November 4th, we are about to witness a tragedy.

The Democrats are on the cusp of a landslide victory in the presidential election, close to a filibuster-proof majority in the Senate, and likely to make gains in the U.S. House and in state governments in almost every corner of the country. They are doomed.

Karl Rove famously predicted that the Bush Administration would usher in a "permanent Republican majority." His coalition brought together white evangelicals and Latinos, Reagan Democrats and traditional conservatives. Relying on a combination of culture wars and micro-targeted marketing, he thought the Bush Republicans would redefine America's political landscape.

He was right, just not about the Republican part.

Witness the generational effect of the Bush years. Most people develop lifelong partisan ties by age 30, shaped by the political climate during their first few years as voters. The New Deal and World War II made the Greatest Generation a Democratic generation. The Reagan years pulled Generation X toward the Republican Party.

And the Bush years? Voters under 30 are the most Democratic cohort among any age group. Not all of them will remain Democrats, of course, but at an age when most solidify their views of the political world, surveys consistently show that young voters largely see the Republicans as bankrupt.

The story among Latinos augurs well for Democrats, too. Immigration policy is one reason, with the appeals of some Republicans to nativist impulses leaving recent immigrants, including many Latinos, cold. But most Latino voters – a political shorthand that lumps together Cuban Americans with Puerto Rican Americans, recent Guatemalan immigrants with tenth generation New Mexicans – care also about jobs, health care and education, all issues that favor the Democrats. And they are the fastest growing ethnic group in the country.

The culture wars did not go as planned, either. Contra the Thomas Frank thesis, research shows that nothing is the matter with Kansas and people tend to vote their economic interests, stereotypes of limousine liberals and conservative dirt farmers aside. This becomes more apparent during an economic crisis like the current one, when most people find it difficult to

get agitated over the latest screed from James Dobson.

The long-term shifts favor the Democrats as well, due especially to changes in generational values. For example, views on marriage steadily, albeit slowly, favor equality for gays and straights. Many Protestant leaders are downplaying cultural issues in favor of poverty, peace and the environment. Even the abortion issue lacks some of the heat felt during the heyday of Operation Rescue.

Without the votes of Latinos or the mobilization by Protestant churches, and with a generational shift toward the Democrats, the Rove strategy is in tatters. This is also the point when Democrats might be overcome by hubris, not unlike Rove, to think that their hold on power will go unchecked. They would do well to resist that temptation.

Consider previous "permanent" majorities. Jacksonian Democrats in the 1830s were undone by economic crisis and corruption. Almost four decades of Republican rule beginning in 1896 made possible the Roaring Twenties and the crash that ended them, and it also allowed Jim Crow to fester in the Democratic, and electorally irrelevant, South.

Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Coalition ended Republican rule in 1932, but its success also set the stage for its own defeat. The modern conservative movement had its roots in 1950s opposition to the New Deal, and the fragile coalition that included African Americans and Southern white segregationists crumbled by the 1960s. These elements ultimately led to the Reagan coalition of the 1980s and the foundation for Rove's Republican majority.

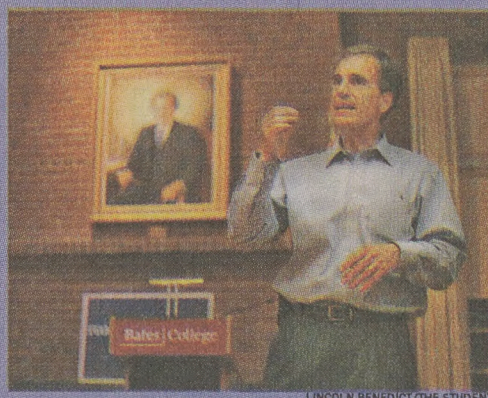
Assume the Obama Democrats succeed on health care. In solving our immediate problems, they also create new demands. Concern shifts from how to insure the uninsured toward how to regulate coverage for the newly insured. Those secondary debates provide opportunities for Republicans. The Democrats' hold on power depends not just on how they respond to our immediate crises, but how they adapt to the long-term challenges of governance. As often as not, that is a challenge parties fail.

Although Democrats flush with victory next week may not think it, the best thing for them over the next four years – or over the next twenty – would be a vibrant, competitive Republican Party. A weak and demoralized opposition leads to complacency and corruption, which congressional Republicans learned too late these last several years. A weak opposition also means that the secondary debates crucial to effective governance would go unchallenged.

The elections of 2006 and 2008 might well mark the start of a generation-long period of Democratic dominance. The shifting political climate and demographics give them good odds. But like a great tragedy, the factors which led to the Democrats' rise will later and inevitably contribute to their collapse. The responses by both Democrats and Republicans will tell us whether the curtain falls sooner or later.

## What else is on the Maine ballot?

### Democratic Candidates



LINCOLN BENEDICT/THE STUDENT  
Tom Allen addresses Bates community members in the Muskie Archives.

#### U.S. Senate: Tom Allen

Who is he?

Allen grew up in Portland, attended Bowdoin College and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. He practiced law for 19 years before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996 where he served on the Energy and Budget Committee and the Commerce Committee.

Goals: End the war in Iraq, enact universal healthcare, enact tax cuts for the middle class and provide relief for the high cost of food, fuel and home heating oil.

#### U.S. House of Representatives (2nd District):

##### Mike Michaud

Who is he?

Michaud was raised in Medway (Maine's Katahdin Region) and worked in the Great Northern Paper Mill in Millinocket for 30 years before being elected to Congress in 2002.

Goals: Job creation, increased funding for veterans' programs, fairer trade deals.

#### State Senate:

**Margaret Craven** (served three terms in State House, Appropriations Committee)

#### State Representative:

District 74 (main campus)

**Margaret R. Rotundo (Peggy)** (helped found the Harvard Center, now serves as its Director of Strategic and Policy Initiatives)

District 73 (Rand, 280, and Frye Street)

**Dick Wagner** (Bates Psychology professor emeritus, served one term in State House, Natural Resources Committee)

### Republican Candidates



COLLINS FOR SENATOR/COURTESY PHOTO

#### U.S. Senate: Susan Collins

Who is she?

Collins was born in Caribou, Maine, and attended St. Lawrence University. She has been the Junior senator in Maine since 1996, the 15th woman in history to be elected to the Senate in her own right. She has been a strong advocate of national defense, education and healthcare.

Goals: Lower energy costs by fostering energy independence and developing alternative sources, expand health coverage and increase access to higher education.

#### U.S. House of Representatives (2nd District):

##### John Frary

Who is he?

Frary grew up in Farmington, Maine, and studied at the University of Maine, Rutgers University and Princeton University. He was a professor at Middlesex County College in Edison, N.J. from 1972 to 2004.

Goals: Bringing truth to politics and accountability to Washington; preventing "the liberal welfare state" in America.

#### State Senate:

**Corey Troup** – first time candidate running against "the wretched job our legislature has done"

#### State Representative:

District 74 (main campus)

**Michael B. Dumas**

District 73 (Rand, 280, and Frye Street)

no candidate

### Referendum Questions:

#### Question 1: People's Veto

Do you want to reject the parts of a new law that change the method of funding Maine's Dirigo Health Program through charging health insurance companies a fixed fee on paid claims and adding taxes to malt liquor, wine and soft drinks? (Without this new law, Maine pays for the Dirigo Health Program, a state health insurance plan that covers 15,000 individuals and small businesses, by charging private health insurance plans. With the new law, the Dirigo Health Program would be paid for by a new tax on beer, wine and soda and a 1.8 percent fee on each medical bill paid by a health insurance plan.)

#### Question 2: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to allow a certain Maine company to have the only casino in Maine, to be located in Oxford County, if part of the revenue is used to fund specific state programs?

#### Question 3: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$3,400,000 bond issue to support drinking water programs, to support the construction of wastewater treatment facilities and to leverage \$17,000,000 in other funds?

(Sources: League of Women Voters and Literacy Volunteers of Maine Voter Guide, Collins Campaign, Allen Campaign, Michaud Campaign, Frary Campaign)

## Student Panel Leads Discussion on the Election

ALEXANDRA KELLY  
MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

The Harvard Center for Community Partnerships sponsored a student panel discussion titled "Why November 4th Matters: Student Voices on the Stakes of the Presidential Election" as part of its 2008-09 Civic Forum series. Theodore Sutherland '11, Rachel Kurzius '10, Marshall Hatch '10, and Emily Grady '10 spoke on a variety of issues surrounding the election.

David Scobey, Harvard Center Director, introduced the four student panelists as "distinguished speakers from on-campus," active in many different areas at Bates. For the panel, each acted as a spokesperson for a particular viewpoint or issue holding personal significance. Scobey's first question, which he asked all panelists to answer, was what the significance of this election is to each of them.

Sutherland, an economics and French major from Accra, Ghana, is interested in aspects of the election dealing with globalization. Coming from the international side of things, he said that this election is "a cultural and political exploration of American culture."

Kurzius, majoring in English and women and gender studies, is co-coordinator of the Feminist Action Coalition at Bates, and was speaking on issues pertaining to women. She sees "What is a women's issue?" as one of the greatest questions of politics. "It's not just about reproductive rights," Kurzius said. "We need politicians that recognize the interconnectedness of all issues."

Hatch, majoring in politics and religion, is interested in what the election will mean for education, community development and the composition of the Supreme Court. The first of the panelists to mention a specific candidate, he said, "Obama has convinced me that as president, he will fund [education] more."

Grady, majoring in environmental studies, is co-president of the Energy Action Movement, and was speaking on environmental issues. "Energy is at the heart of this," she said. "It's obvious that climate change is going to affect us, our children and grandchildren, so it's something that I feel passionate about."

The second question from Scobey, on how the current economic crisis has made the panelists feel differently about issues, drew what he called "two different right answers": that the economic crisis will cause setbacks for some changes that need to be made, but that it has also created the opportunity for reform as the United States rethinks its priorities.

Scobey asked questions about both presidential candidates, and while the panelists were enthusiastic in talking about what Obama's candidacy means for race relations and political culture in America, their initial silence when asked, "What if McCain wins?" drew laughter from the crowd.

Hatch commented on the importance of having "a self-identified African American candidate" who represents something other than what he called "this hip-hop culture" for America's youth. "Obama offers an alternative to that," he said.

Kurzius did not openly criticize McCain's handling of issues pertaining to women, but she did point out the difference in finding out those positions on the two candidates' websites. "Obama had a whole section of women's issues on his website, and the same concern didn't show on McCain's site," she said.

Chris Ray '10, representing the Secular Student Alliance, commented that the United States has fallen behind in science areas, and that it would be helpful for voters if the candidates would cement a policy on science education. Kurzius pointed out that more specifically, there needs to be an incentive for women in science education, since only 12 to 13 percent of doctoral recipients in the sciences are women.

Naima Murphy '10 said that there is a fear that because Obama has "risen above structural racism," it will lead others to believe that American society has become "colorblind," or that racism is no longer a problem. "Once there's visible proof that it's possible to succeed, people will think that we don't need to worry about the issue anymore," she said.

Hatch responded by referring to Obama's Father's Day speech, which commented on personal responsibility and the need to be aware of racism on an individual level. "Yes, Obama has shown that it's possible to beat stereotypes, but you have to be accountable for yourself," he said.

Coming back to an earlier point about bipartisanship in this election, Scobey asked the panelists for their thoughts on this election's effect on the division of unities and crossing party lines. Hatch commented that the "certain set of priorities" that has often accompanied specific identities has become less rigid with the younger generation of voters. "If we focus less on the issues that divide us and more on the issues that bring us together, we'll go a long way," he said.

Scobey pitched a final question to the panelists: "regardless of who you're supporting, do you view this election as a historic one? How do you perceive this moment?"

"This is the most important election of all time," said Matt Coccia '11. The greatest reason to choose McCain for president, he said, would have to do with dealing with the economic crisis. "No society has ever been able to function while cutting taxes and raising spending."

Sutherland said that in global terms, the choice of the next American president will "affect the world in a big way. The direction that America takes in this election directly affects the direction the world takes."

The discussion ended with a reminder from a member of the local community that though the issues discussed by the panelists certainly bear weight in this election, they are not the main focus for many voters. Bernard Reiner of Oxford, Maine, recently returned from a trip to Ohio, where, he said, "Jobs are key," and that in such areas "we are witnessing the structural demise of the industrial revolution of America."

Reiner said that far from New England liberal arts colleges, "Joe the Plumber is out there, and he hates you," referring to what he called the "elitism" of institutions of higher education. "It won't be politicians, it's up to the people to bridge the gap between Bates/Bowdoin/Harvard and Joe the Plumber."

Scobey explained that the Civic Forum series involves presentations and panels on important issues of citizenship, policies and politics each year. This forum was the second of two on the election, and will be followed in November with events on the topic of "Maine and the transnational world."



# Questions on the Quad

The Student interviews a handful of Batesies about who they're supporting this November 4th.

Reporter Charles Thaxton '12 and photographer Lincoln Benedict '09 hit the Quad this week to find out what Bates students are thinking about the upcoming presidential election. While the interviewees expressed a wide range of opinions as to which issues were most important, the following poll shows that Batesies are leaning heavily towards Obama.



Our intrepid reporter.



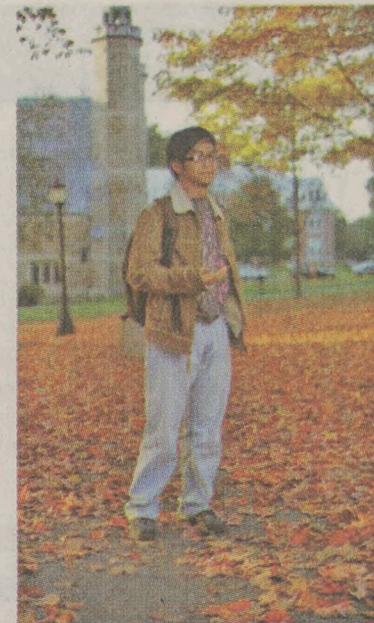
Rudy Schmidt '10 has already cast his vote for Obama in Colorado. His deciding factors were Obama's approaches to the economic crisis and foreign relations.



Kelsey LaFreniere '12 emphasized Obama's liberal approach to social issues as a deciding factor. "I respect John McCain a lot," she added.



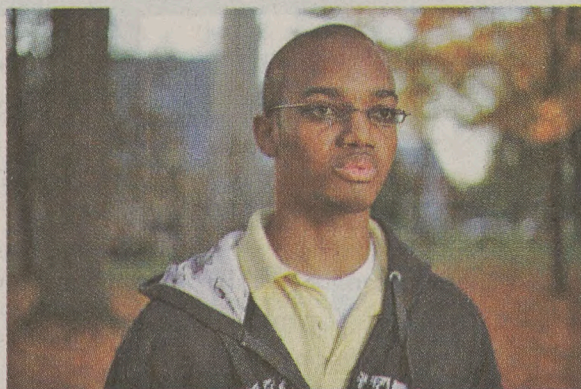
Anna Skarstad '11 supports "Obama, of course." She sees the Democratic candidate as more outspoken and authentic. "For McCain" she said, "it's about the elite."



Don Dumayas '11 sees both candidates as representing the "change" they advertise, but favors Obama. He is interested in how the candidates address social issues and sees McCain as a more moderate choice for the Republicans than, say, Mitt Romney.



Kara Sullivan '10, who is voting for Obama, based her vote on Obama's consideration of "the long term." Of McCain, she said that when it comes down to it, "The Republican platform is the Republican platform."



Theodore Sutherland '11, from Ghana, says that the election season has given him a unique outlook into "the American side of things." He lauded Obama's efforts at using technology and getting American youth involved in the political process.



Tom Bowden '09 commented that "Both candidates have a change policy, the question is which candidate will achieve the greatest change."



Claire Parker '11 voted Obama because she sees McCain as "putting environmental issues on the back burner."



Evan Procknow '10 is consciously not voting. A self described "cynic," Procknow sees both candidates as continuations of a misguided American foreign policy. He recognized that Obama would be a better president than Bush but said, "It's not very difficult to be better than Bush."



Shaunyce Johnson '12 supports Obama because of his status as "a great leader" and his energy policies.



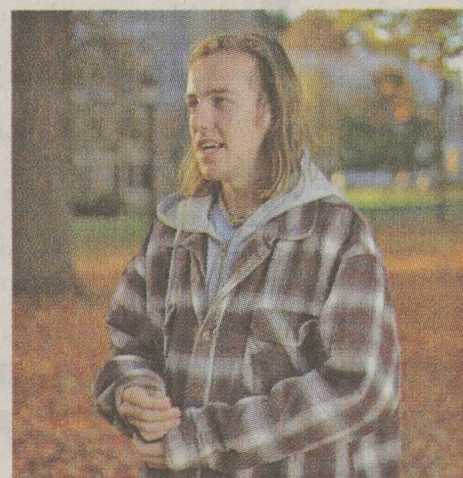
Gráinne Hebler '11 has noticed just how much press this election has received. She commented that the U.S. is currently "stuck within the media" but acknowledged that this attention would probably result in a larger voter turnout.



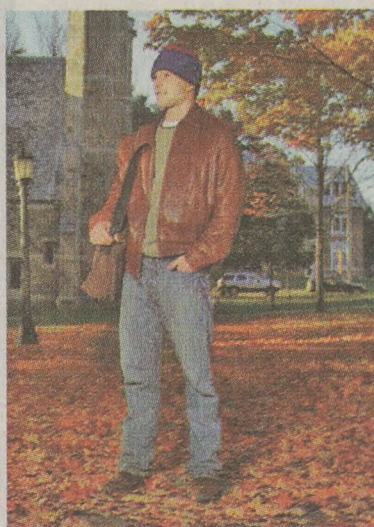
Blaise Thompson '11 has already voted in Iowa. He likes Obama's diplomatic approach to foreign policy.



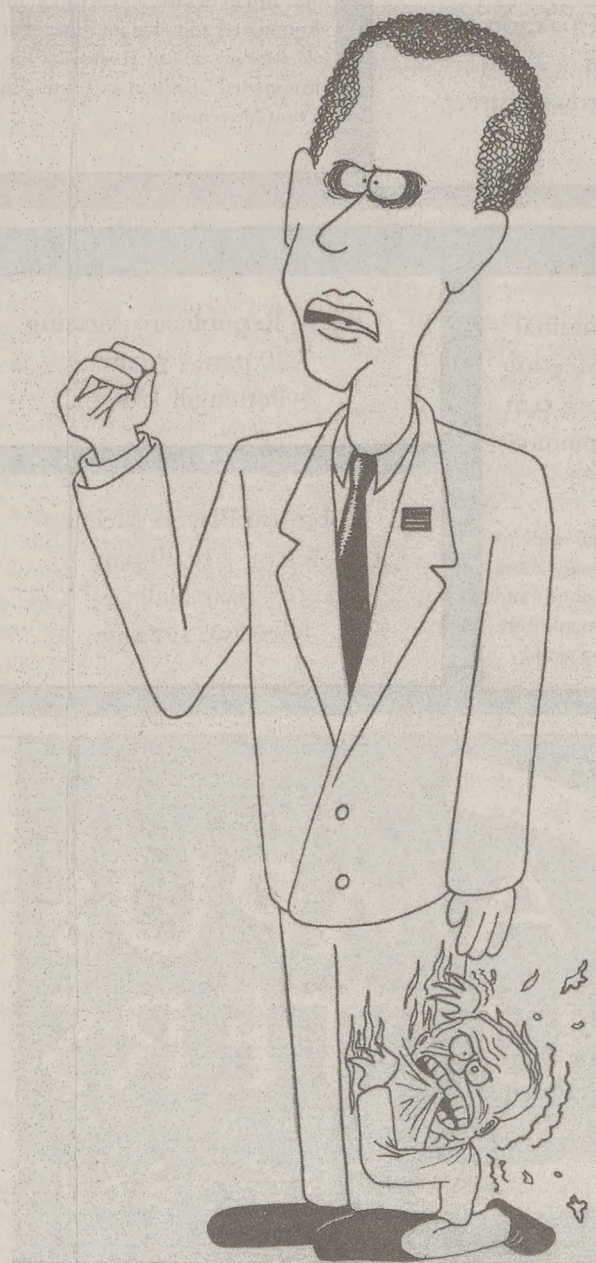
John Wiedman '12 has already cast his vote for Barack Obama. He thinks both candidates must contend with the Bush legacy, as it is "hard to say they haven't messed a lot of things up."



Bobby Burns '12 supports Obama because he is a "new leader." Of the ubiquitous refrain of 'change' in this election, he said, "It's hard to say what change is." In general Burns said he favored Obama's liberal institutional foreign policy.



Matt Paul '09 is undecided and emphasized his desire for the candidates to consider future generations and contend with the fact that the U.S. may "no longer be a super power."



NATHAN PLACE/THE BATES STUDENT

## "W." Offers Sympathetic Portrait of Bush Administration



HILLARY FINK  
CONTRIBUTING  
WRITER

Ever since Oliver Stone announced that he would direct a film about current president George W. Bush, the project has been surrounded by controversy. Stone directed "JFK" and "Nixon," neither of which are known for their historical accuracy, so many expected his new film to distort the already wildly unpopular president who is considered by most to be an easy target. Stone's deliberate decision to release the film while Bush is still in office succeeded in escalating the buzz since no such film has ever been made about a sitting president. However, "W." is a surprisingly poignant and humanizing portrait about our 43rd president and how his turbulent past shaped his decisions after 9/11.

Rather than tell the story chronologically, the film starts with Bush, played by Josh Brolin, already in the White House. The script is a mix of written dialogue and direct quotations taken from speeches and transcripts. The post-9/11 story is interspersed with flashbacks to what Stone sees as Bush's most definitive moments. These focus mainly on his relationship with his father, his struggles with alcohol, his faith and the start of his political career. Other moments seem to be chosen simply for their comedic

value, like the scene in which Bush chokes on a pretzel while watching a football game at his ranch in Crawford. This creative approach is effective because it allows Stone to skip large sections of time without having to give an explanation. The movie completely ignores pivotal moments like the 2000 election. Stone assumes we all know the story. Instead, his goal is to splice the pieces together in a way that allows us to look at Bush's life from a new angle.

The movie's primary plot focuses on the complex relationship between George W. Bush and his father George H. W. Bush, who he calls Poppy. Stone portrays Bush as a man tortured by the "burden" of being born into a privileged political dynasty. The two men have a complex relationship stemming from Poppy's disappointment with George's lack of direction in his post college years. George lives in the shadow of younger brother Jeb, and when he finally manages to get his life together, he receives little encouragement from his father. One of the film's most important scenes is the night of the elder Bush's loss to Clinton in the 1992 election. Stone powerfully illustrates how watching his father fail profoundly influenced the way George W. Bush dealt with the war on terrorism and the capture of Saddam Hussein.

This movie could have easily been cheapened if the actors took the easy way out and chose to do impressions of their characters. However, most of them truly evoke their characters without mocking or exaggerating their

speech and mannerisms. Josh Brolin is incredible. His Bush is a well-meaning, likeable Texan driven by what he thinks is right. He manages to deliver lines like "Is our children learning?" in a way that makes them sad instead of humorous. Richard Dreyfuss as Dick Cheney and Toby Jones as Karl Rove both manage to capture the spirit of the two most controversial members of the cabinet, and Jeffery Wright's understated Colin Powell steals some of the movie's most serious scenes. Elizabeth Banks does as much as she can with the character of Laura Bush and continues to prove that she is an underrated leading lady. The most frustrating portrayal, however, is that of Thandi Newton's Condoleezza Rice. Newton does a bad, Saturday Night Live style impression of Rice as a weak "yes man" who agrees with everything Bush says. Saving this distractingly poor performance, "W." manages to give a unique perspective on the early Bush presidency. Whether you have agreed with his policies or not, we should all strive to understand this crucial time in our nation's history, and "W." provides an interesting, humanistic way to do just that.

### "W.": The Movie





# CALENDAR

The Bates Student

## Wednesday, Oct. 29

Alumni Documentary Films  
on Local Foods  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Olin 104

In conjunction with Nourishing Mind and Body: Bates Contemplates Food, the Environmental Studies Program is sponsoring a screening of 2 documentary films produced by alumni in the fall semester of 2004 under the instruction of Melissa Paly, Mellon Faculty Member.

The Black Jew Dialogues  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Gray Cage

In 'The Black Jew Dialogues, Larry Jay Tish and Ron Jones take the audience on a hysterical and poignant ride through three days they spent together in a cheap hotel room discussing their own experiences, the history of their people, and why there has been a growing rift between the two groups since the early 70's.

Latinos Unidos Meeting  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Multicultural Center

Bates Christian Fellowship Mtng.  
8:15 p.m.  
Chase Hall:  
Hirasawa Lounge

Phillips  
Presentation  
Series  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Chase Hall Lounge

Phillips Student Fellow  
Lina Kong '10 presents  
her fellowship-funded  
research, Crosscultural  
Study of Mauritian and  
Chinese Cultures through  
the Hakka Linkage.

Bates Democrats Meeting  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
New Commons 221

Bates Dance Club Meeting  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Pettengill G63

## Thursday, Oct. 30

Teaching English as a  
Foreign Language  
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
New Commons:  
Renyi Meeting Room  
(211)

A Lie of the Mind  
by Sam Sheperd  
Opening Night!  
7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Schaeffer Theater

For her senior thesis project, Sulochana Dissanayake '09 directs this riveting, emotionally raw tale of two families torn apart by spousal abuse.

Village Club Series  
9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Mays Center

Meg Allison  
&  
Joshua Stevens

French Language Table  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
New Commons 131

Japanese Language Table  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
New Commons 116

Interracial  
Dating Forum  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Frank's Lounge

Amandla! is hosting it's  
second forum of the  
year. It is a round table  
discussion on interracial  
dating, a taboo subject  
in the USA.

Hillel Meeting  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
New Commons 226

Secular Student Alliance  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Pettengill 116

## Friday, Oct. 31

English Lunch  
for Majors  
and Potential  
Majors  
11:30 a.m. -  
1 p.m.  
New Commons  
221

A Lie of the  
Mind  
7:30 p.m.  
Shaeffer  
Theater

Pumpkin Carving  
Contest

Entries are due to Nelson Pray by noon and must include name, phone number and room number along with the pumpkin. First prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Davinci's; second prize is a \$25 gift certificate to the bookstore and third prize is five pound basket of candy.

Men's Soccer vs. Colby  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Russell Street Field

A Bobcat win sends  
Men's Soccer to the  
NESCAC playoffs.

Women's Field Hockey  
vs. Colby  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Astroturf Field

A win keeps the  
Bobcats alive for a  
possible playoff  
contention.

Shabbat with Hillel  
5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Frye Street Union

Midnight Madness  
10 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.  
Alumni Gym

Filmboard: Pineapple Express  
7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.  
Olin 104

## Saturday, Nov. 1

The Parker String Quartet  
performing with pianist  
Frank Glazer  
8 p.m.  
Olin Arts Cocert Hall

Bus trip to Freeport  
free of charge!  
12 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

A Lie of the  
Mind  
2 p.m.  
&  
7:30 p.m.  
Shaeffer  
Theater

NESCAC  
Cross-Country  
Championship

Men race at 12 p.m.  
Women race at 1 p.m.

Pineland Farms  
New Gloucester, ME  
(half hour from campus)

Halloween Dance  
10 p.m. - 2 a.m.  
Grey Cage

Filmboard:  
Pineapple Express  
2 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Olin 104

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## Sunday, Nov. 2

Quatuor pour las fin du temps  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Olin Concert Hall

A concert celebrating Oliver Messiaen's 100th birthday with a performance of his "Quartet for the End of Time" featuring Nicholas Kitchen and Yeesun Kim of The Borromeo String Quartet with Derek Bermel, clarinet and Bruce Brubacker, piano.

Cricket Club  
Meeting  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Gray Cage

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A Lie of the Mind  
2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Shaeffer Theater

Quaker Meeting  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
111 Bardwell Street

Filmboard:  
Pineapple Express  
2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.  
Olin 104

Chapel Worship  
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Chapel

Intramural Basketball  
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Alumni Gym

New World Coalition Meeting  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
111 Bardwell Street

Environmental Community  
Dinner  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Frye Street Union

Please come and enjoy delicious organic food and to discuss and act upon the environmental and climate issues that you feel strongly about! Hosted by the Environmental Coalition and Bates Energy Action Movement.

## Monday, Nov. 3

Bates Christian Fellowship:  
First-Year Group  
8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Chase Hall Game Room

This group is an opportunity for for first-years to "build community, grow in their faith and participate in service projects in the greater Lewiston community."

Amandala! Meeting  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
New Commons 222

Immigrants Rights  
Advocacy Group  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Harward Center

Russian Language Table  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
New Commons 222

Spanish Language Table  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
New Commons 226

Internatinal  
Club Meeting  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
New Commons  
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College Republicans Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Pettengill 151

Robinson Players Meeting  
9 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Chase Hall:  
Hirasawa Lounge

## Tuesday, Nov. 4

German Table  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
New Commons 222

Sophomore  
Pre-Medical Meeting  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Chase Hall:  
Skeleton Lounge

Sangai Asia  
Meeting

6:30 p.m. -  
7:30 p.m.

New Commons  
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## VOTING

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Lewiston Armory  
65 Central Avenue  
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# ARTS & LIVING

The Bates Student

## Canine Camaraderie on a 'Cat-filled Campus

CHARLES THAXTON  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Watching dogs interact can be like watching the theater. This is apparent as two dogs – Fenway, an inquisitive yellow Labrador puppy, and Cricket, a two-year-old Terrier mutt – pounce, sprint, explore and wrestle on a blustery October afternoon in Muskie Garden during the Cats and Dogs program. The drama unfolds over the course of the hour as the owners and several students laugh, chat and observe the dogs.

Susan Nattress, Bates' Electronic Access System Manager, developed the Cats and Dogs program at the beginning of October. She would occasionally bring her Golden Retrievers to work. Her idea for the program sprung from the frequent visitation of students to the Access Control Office to play with her dogs. She noted that many students miss their dogs at home or the dogs they have lost. Such students found her office a good place to visit for a little relaxation, finding canine companionship to be fun and therapeutic – a comfort during stress-

ful periods of work, midterms or finals. Keeping the students in mind, Nattress founded the Cats and Dogs program which has met every Monday and Tuesday during October in hour-long sessions.

Any staff or faculty member can bring his or her dogs to the program. About 10 students show up to each meeting to play with the dogs. Cambria Hempton and Katie D'Angelo, sophomores who attended last Tuesday's meeting, said they opted to check out the dogs that evening because they missed their West Highland Terriers back home.

Besides the obvious joy and comfort the dogs bring, the pets can help students interact with faculty and staff more intimately. The idea is to create a community and conversation among students, faculty and staff outside of the classroom or institutional environment.

Today marks the last scheduled session of Cats and Dogs, but the program is currently seeking a new venue for possible continuation during the winter months.



LINCOLN BENEDICT/THE BATES STUDENT

Fenway the Yellow Labrador and Cricket the Terrier Mutt take a break from running around in Muskie Garden to play with a Bates student – and maybe get a treat.

## Smooth and Dirty Jazz Talking

KATIE BLACK  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From a heavy, rough, get-your-hands-dirty sound to one of smooth, soft elegance and deep, velvety richness, Jeff Coffin and the Tom Snow Trio portrayed musical conversation at its finest on Wednesday, Oct. 22 in Olin. With Jeff Coffin on alto and tenor saxophones, Tom Snow on keyboard and piano, Tim Webb on bass, electric and upright and Steve Grover on drums, the audience was truly transported to another place. The musical chemistry exuded from this group was astounding, and the interaction between the players on all levels was a joy to watch as they exhibited their happiness to play together.

Among the selections played were "Tag," "Mad Hatter Rides Again," "Kindness Is All," "Sweet Magnolias" and "Move Your Rug." "Tag" was memorable for me because it was full of quick "stop and go's" that really mixed up the feel of the tune and made it pop. At one point in the song Coffin and Snow spat out rapid phrases at each other back and forth. It was as if they were speaking the language of music to one another, building on and responding to each other's ideas. This form of playful musical communication persisted throughout the performance and was extremely captivating.

Solos were swiftly passed around the stage to each member of the ensemble in most songs. Sometimes Coffin would swing his saxophone in the direction of the person who he wanted to give the solo to. This broad, sweeping motion acted as a physical representation of their musical energy. While one person soloed, the rest of the players kept the energy going strong and made it possible for the soloist to float on top of their parts. The fine-tuned talent and the pure abilities of these musicians were phenomenal.

Speaking of developed talent, who has ever seen someone play two saxophones at once? I hadn't before I saw Jeff Coffin do it in this show, and I was blown away. The fact that one person was playing two horn instruments simultaneously was so im-

pressive that it heightened the overall effect of the music.

Coffin's dedication and love of music shone through over the course of the show. In addition to keeping the audience spellbound with the music, Coffin talked a little bit about his experience in composing and the role that Grover, the drummer, played in that. He said Grover once told him to make a list of things that he wanted in his songs before he started composing. Coffin made such a list years ago and having recently found it, realized that all twenty-five or thirty items on that list have been incorporated into the songs he has since composed. This was a great anecdote that served as an introduction to Grover's original piece, "Kindness Is All." Afterwards, Grover spoke a bit about the title of the piece. He told the audience that the title came from a Jack Kerouac book of poem titles. This was one of the smoother and more delicately elegant pieces, suggesting the image of a couple dancing, swaying slowly under starlight.

The musicians ended the show with the tune "Sweet Magnolias," composed by Coffin. Brad Terry, a legendary Maine clarinetist, was featured in this selection, in addition to playing in an earlier piece. This one was more mellow and wistful than some of the previous tunes. The clarity and purpose of each member of the group was piercing at various moments throughout the performance. Whether Coffin was wailing on the alto sax and getting that jagged, brassy sound, beautiful in all its harshness, or Tom Snow was skillfully playing the keys as if he was banging on a drum, it worked. Whether a silky line of notes flowed from Coffin's tenor sax or Grover took an intense solo that sent vibrations through the floor, it worked.

The incredible thing about jazz performances is that they are highly dependent on improvisation. Most of what the audience witnessed had never been done before exactly in that way. This ensemble certainly pushed the limit of musical conversation and put on a truly outstanding show.

## Bobcats Fight for their Old Den



JESSIE SAWYER/THE BATES STUDENT

As the election coverage runs on the television, a student walks into an empty Den that, although busy at lunch time, is losing its role as a student hangout. Den Supervisor Dan Brochu said that although he does not miss the late-night shift, he does miss the packs of students that used to come day and night. Brochu started the system of calling food orders on a first-named basis, which was something that allowed the staff to bond with students. He does, however, say that the faculty is enjoying the Den as much as the students once did.

JESSIE SAWYER  
MANAGING ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

Every bobcat has a den that it calls home. However, many Bates bobcats are worried that they are going to lose theirs. On Oct. 8, a petition was posted outside of New Commons voicing a concern that the Den is being phased out and demanding that the Den be reopened for its old hours. Dining Services Director Christine Schwartz is taking the students' concerns under consideration.

"I have my first meeting [on Nov. 6] with the FAC – Food Advisory Committee – which is made up of students, faculty and staff, several members of which are appointed by the student government, to discuss this issue and see if there is a compromise or middle ground that can be reached," Schwartz said.

The first petition was put up and taken down within 24 hours, by which time it had collected at least 500 signatures. Schwartz explained that she took it down because, firstly, it was improperly posted and, secondly, she was on her way to a meeting with Vice President for Finance Administration, Terry Beckmann, and wanted to bring it to her attention. Schwartz still has the petition in her office and is in the process of reviewing it. A second petition is still hanging on the Commons bulletin board and has accumulated over 200 signatures.

The students who posted the petition, who wish to remain anonymous, explained that they did so to voice the complaints of the student body regarding the limited Den hours. The petition was in-

tended as an "open declaration" that "the Den and Milt's are not the same thing," but not as a complaint against Milt's.

"The Den was a hangout spot; it was a warm, greasy cave where students could find shelter from the cold while taking a break," the petitioners said. "It was dark. It was cozy. There was a TV, and a jukebox. Milt's, on the other hand, is a Seven-Eleven in a hallway with the ambience of an airport food court. Not that there's anything wrong with that – but it's not the same thing, and it doesn't serve the same purpose. It is not a replacement for the Den."

Students miss the atmosphere of the Den, where they used to flock to watch a big basketball game, have meetings, hang out or have a late-night snack. Many want the late-night hours back that made the Den a student hangout. Some have even suggested turning it into a pub on weekends.

Schwartz said the Den, which is now open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., does not see many students anymore. Business has been going well, and the foot traffic to the Den has not declined – however, she sees mostly faculty members there. Students have consistently said that they cannot make it to the Den frequently, if at all, because they have classes during its hours.

As Paul Lombardi '11 noted, "The current hours for the Den are not student-friendly. Although they may help cut down on the crowdedness of Commons during lunch, the hours the Den isn't open are when students most want it to be open: late at night. While Milt's does have late-night snack foods, it doesn't

provide students with the same homey feel or large menu that the Den used to offer."

Kiki Bournakel, a Dining Services staff member who used to work shifts at the Den, has since transferred to Milt's. She prefers working at Milt's over the Den and finds that it offers a lot more to the students. Staff members who previously worked at other colleges are thankful for the late hours that Milt's offers students, a factor not often found at other schools.

"The working environment at Milt's is so much better. Everything is new, bigger, cleaner, faster, energy-saving equipment. We serve most of the food the students [had at the Den] a lot faster because of the size of the grill and the fryers. Also, the store offers so much more variety of energy drinks and snacks and many, many other necessary items [students] need when they have exams and they stay up late," Bournakel said.

Schwartz said that the Den cannot go back to its old hours due to logistical and financial reasons.

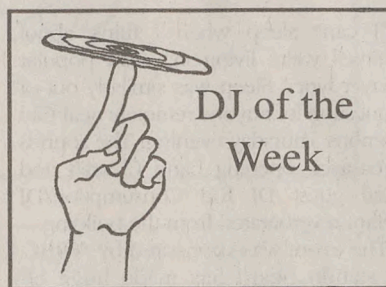
"There is no way we can support, labor wise, both the hours of Milt's and the Den. I am, though, looking at options, and have been for a while, to see how we can meld the hours of the two. This is tricky as it takes more labor to run the Den, as well as utilities, etc."

Although the role of the Den has changed, it will continue to be a part of Bates.

"There is no plan and has never been a plan to close the Den," Schwartz said. "There is a plan, in the second phase of the Master Plan, for the Den to move and have increased services."

## WRBC Presents: Randy's Hour of Power

ANDREW WILCOX  
ASSISTANT ARTS & LIVING EDITOR



This week's acclaimed WRBC DJ is a radio triumvirate. The radio show, "Randy's Hour of Power," is comprised of Bradley McGraw '10 (WRBC Treasurer, CFO), Jamie Donahue '10 (WRBC Music Director) and Nelson Harris '10 (WRBC Tech director).

The three combine diverse musical tastes ranging from McGraw's tendency toward a Scandinavian sound, Donahue's love of "raw and real" rock and roll and Harris' fondness of music that "induces manifest destiny." Together, the tastes merge into their show's general vibe. McGraw describes the vibe like this: "Our show involves a lot of awkward noise. It is the love-child of a robot, David Bowie and Aerosmith. Roy Orbison is like an uncle to our lovechild." Donahue thinks the show's line-up is a clear attempt of the three to outdo each other musically through different genres.

McGraw, Donahue and Harris put on an entirely impromptu show. They comment, "Our show is probably the most disorganized on WRBC. There are

plenty of bizarre silences and sometimes we don't realize it when a song is over. It's all part of the learning process. After two and a half years on the air, we're still developing our system."

This past Tuesday, a few of the show's highlighted songs were "The Final Countdown" by Europe, "Sun in My Mouth" by Björk and "Wild Mountain Honey" by the Steve Miller Band. Given their distinct tastes, it is probably not difficult to deduce which DJ contributed which song.

"Randy's Hour of Power" plays four new set songs weekly. Sometimes their music is entirely off the new music rack.

"Though, other times the old favorites must resurface... it's tough to keep those from popping up," commented the three.

As for the radio triumvirate's goals for the WRBC, there is a mix of interests: to bring fresh, talented bands to Bates, to have a state-of-the-art radio station, and to educate through radio. Check them out at 91.5 FM on Tuesday nights at 10 p.m. Call in at (207) 777-7915 or (207) 777-7916.

Tune in tonight, Oct. 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight, for their four-hour radio show commemorating the WRBC's 50th birthday.

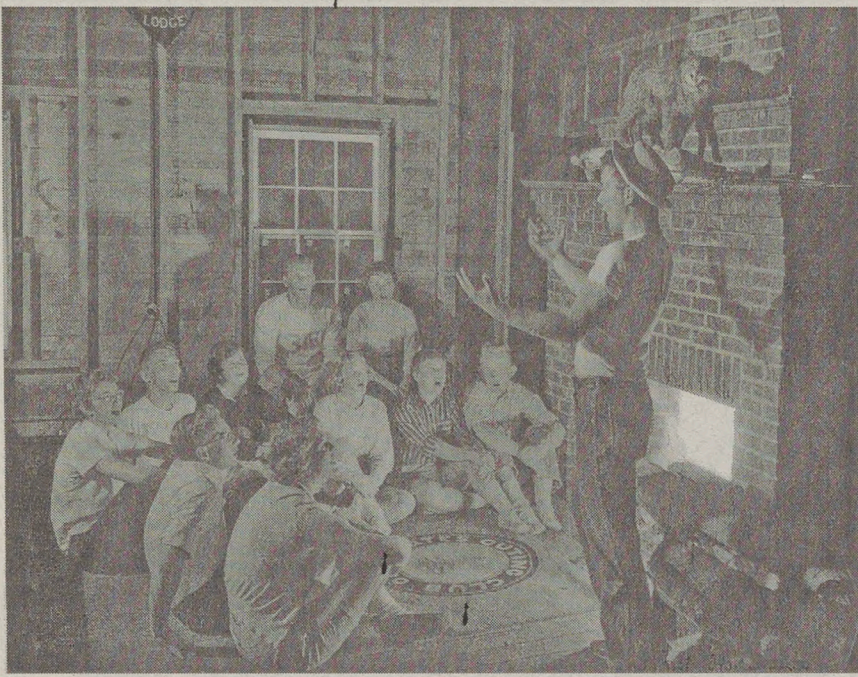


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LEFT TO RIGHT: Juniors Jamie Donahue, Nelson Harris and Bradley McGraw may not have superpowers, but they will give you an hour of power. Their shows include Scandinavian sound, rock and music that induces manifest destiny.



## The Legends of the Batesie Hollows: Bates Ghost Stories from the Late 1800's to Today



WILLIAM M. RITTASE/COURTESY OF MUSKIE ARCHIVES

Dr. John Stanton, who taught Greek and Latin at Bates starting in 1863, donated his cabin, known as the Stanton Lodge, to the Bates Outing Club after he retired. Above, students in the 1860's gather at the lodge to socialize and share stories.

**JESSIE SAWYER**  
MANAGING ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

With Halloween nearing, The Student has compiled Bates College ghost stories based on legend and history.

**1. Stanton the Friendly Ghost:** Dr. John Stanton came to Bates in 1863 as a professor of Greek and Latin. A nature-lover, Stanton paid to have horses and carriages bring the first-year class to a picnic where he would tell them the history of Bates. The tradition, called the Stanton Ride, continued for 100 years. Stanton would also take students on nature walks to his cabin at Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary. After his death in 1918, students still made the walk to the Stanton Lodge. Supposedly, upon their arrival to the empty cabin, the students would discover a feast laid out for them. By whom? Some said it was Stanton spreading joy.

—“Campus Legends,” Elizabeth Tucker

**2. No class? Be careful what you wish for:** On Feb. 24, 1926, William Hartsorn, professor of English literature and acting president of Bates, entered his classroom in Hathon Hall before the bell rang for his 7:40 a.m. class. Opening “Paradise Lost” and taking his glasses from his pocket, he awaited his students to begin his lecture. The first to enter the room found him sitting serenely with his head slightly bent as if he were asleep. His students never heard his lecture that day. He was dead.

—Muskie Archives Special Collections

**3. Ghost of Schaeffer:** Some have heard floors creaking and footsteps in Schaeffer Theater late at night. It is said that Lavina Schaeffer haunts the theater which is named after her.

—“Bates College Prowler: Off the Record,” Sarah Connell

**4. Haunted Dorm Rooms:** “I was lying in bed one night around midnight before my roommate had returned to the room when I heard footsteps creaking across my floor. I was just out in the hallway and knew that the noise was not coming from out there, and I am on the top floor so it couldn't have been coming from above. The footsteps came closer and closer to my bed, which is right next to the window. When I heard the footsteps reach the window, the shade flew up from the window as if a gust of wind had blown it, but the window was not open. Then I heard footsteps creak away and disappear.”

—Briana Gerrish '10, Sept. 2008, Rand, Fourth Floor

“The ghost was nameless which perhaps adds to his mystery but he was definitely there. [My roommate] Jake and I could feel him. There were nights when we could hear a voice in the room and each of us thinking it was the other would be surprised to find no one there. There would also be nights when we could sense someone walking in the room while the lights were out and we were in bed – but, of course, no one was moving around. His home, we concluded, was in a crawl space in the left wall – a place we often thought of exploring but never ventured into. It seemed to us an invasion of this being's space, and we certainly did not want to anger him.”

—Tom Bowden '09, 2006, Frye House, Room 31

## Quick and Dirty Live Entertainment

**KELLY COX**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Robinson Players held their “Quick and Dirty One-Acts” on Oct. 10-12, presenting three one-acts that fit the name. They were witty, racy pieces with absurd plot lines – a half an hour of sexual innuendos and clever repartee.

The first one-act, “Habits” by Steve Wong, was directed by Schuyler Rooth '11. It followed a clever scenario of two former classmates who discuss their likes, dislikes, habits and pet peeves over a few glasses of wine at their high school reunion. Bridget Brewer '11 played Kim, the archetypal uptight female character who approves of William's flaws the more the bottle flows. Brewer fit the character perfectly and her facial expressions were enough to inspire giggling. William was played by Daniel Waters '12, who has a great affinity for creating humorous, awkward moments. The two

created a hysterical situational comedy that had a perfect run time for an often overly-satirized circumstance.

“Kitty the Waitress” by Christopher Durang involved more bizarre personalities which made the storyline even more outrageous. The director, Michelle Schloss '12, did a wonderful job at exploiting physical as well as situational comedy. The body language of Kitty the “waitress,” played by Lauren Christianson '12, spurred laughter as she strutted across the dining room to the beat of sophomore Don Dumayas's drumming between efforts to seduce Mr. O'Brien, played by Brendan Culliton '12. Limor Finkel '11, who played waitress Veronique, and Nora Brouder '12, who played the hostess, promoted the absurdity of the one-act in the silliness of their characters. Derek Rocchini '11, the French veterinarian, kills O'Brien and Kitty at the end, creating a

tragically comedic conclusion.

The third show, another piece by Christopher Durang called “Naomi in the Living Room,” was directed by Nicolette Robbins '11. It provided an opportunity for the actors to show off their talent as uncomfortably psychotic characters. Diana Jurand '12 was wonderful as Naomi, a manic depressive mother who has orgasms from simply sitting on her favorite couch. She was the antithesis of her cross-dressing son John, played by Cristian Ruiz '12, and her terrifyingly happy daughter-in-law Johanna, played by Caitlyn Defiore '12. The couple visits Naomi and tries to hold a normal conversation about how all their children recently died, but Naomi's fits draws much more attention.

The “Quick and Dirty One-Acts” was a great performance that showcased the actors' range for extreme character personalities.

## Rising Stars to Sparkle in the Silo

**SARAH DUNN**  
ASSISTANT ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

This week, the Village Club Series will showcase a fusion of musical genres, featuring the up-and-coming singer/songwriters Meg Allison and Joshua Stevens. After having both appeared on USA network's musical competition “Nashville Star,” they are expanding their musical repertoires to produce a heightened country/pop twang while achieving a rapidly increasing fan base.

At the age of six, Allison began playing piano and later moved on to the guitar. Heavily influenced by artists such as the Indigo girls and Patty Griffin, she began songwriting at the age of 16.

In her 2005 album, “Missing Piece,” Allison features a song entitled “Old Soul,” a piece inspired by her older sister Emily who suffers from debilitating brain damage. The quite personal song earned Allison the Songwriter Universe Magazine's “Best Song of the Month” award

in May. It reveals the honesty of Allison's country/blues aesthetic with the catchiness of her pop edge. Her lyrics are relational and her melodies resonating.

In her Nashville Star profile, Allison describes herself as in a kind of musical transition: “I really just consider myself to be sort of country/pop acoustic singer/songwriter. I know that is five different things, but that is as close as I can get.”

Meg Allison has also won “Newest Rising Star of 2008” in Campus Activities Magazine's Reader's Choice Awards.

“Smooth, easy, melodic with a twist of twang, Meg Allison's ‘Missing Piece’ is a nice compliment to a rainy Sunday afternoon. Sit by a fireplace, get cozy, pour a glass of wine, and simply feel good listening to this up and coming star. For the lover of Norah Jones' ‘Feels Like Home’ or Sheryl Crow's ‘Tuesday Night Music Club,’ ‘Missing Piece’ is a definite addition to the collection.”—Chicago Music Guide

Accompanying Allison on the Mays Center stage this week is fellow country

star Joshua Stevens. Raised in Churchville, Iowa, Stevens began playing the saxophone at age seven and claims he always wanted to be a singer. Having earned a performance scholarship for his saxophone proficiency, he attended the University of Northern Iowa. However, he dropped out to pursue a professional music career.

Stevens entered into various singer/songwriter competitions and won first place in the “Sing to Win” Competition at the World Famous “Crazy Horse Saloon.” His first single, “Rock n' Roll and Pensacola,” made it to 64 on the charts, receiving much accolade.

Stevens claims he is inspired by all music, from Stevie Wonder, George Strait and Garth Brooks to U2. He consistently showcases cheerful melodies and passionate guitar playing.

Be sure to check out their blending of musical aesthetics this Thursday at 9 p.m. in the Mays Center.

## “A Lie of the Mind”: Dreams, Heartbreak and Revenge

**KELLY COX**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This semester's main stage production is “A Lie of the Mind” by Sam Shepard. It is a story about two American families destroyed by spousal abuse. The play is the 1986 winner of the New York Drama Critics Award and was described as “unforgettable” by the New York Times.

“A Lie of the Mind” is deep, dark and dramatic, but will also make you laugh at unexpected moments. It is a realistic play about domestic violence that shows two juxtaposed families trying to attain the American Dream. I got the chance to watch a large portion of the play being rehearsed last weekend and witnessed the superb acting, dynamic set and extreme fight scenes. This is a moving and exciting play that you will not want to miss.

“A Lie of the Mind” is senior Sulochana Dissanayake's directing thesis piece, as well as a part of senior State Saniuk's stage managing thesis. This main stage is the first in fourteen years that a student has directed.

Paul Kuritz, Dissanayake's thesis ad-

visor and head of the Theater Department, commented on Dissanayake's flourishing talents: “Whenever an especially talented student appears – as an actor, designer, stage manager or playwright – we feature their work in a main stage production for their thesis. We do this annually. Few students are interested in a directing thesis and even fewer have Sulo's abilities.”

Dissanayake chose this play since she “found it interesting because it shows the side of American families that the Hollywood usually doesn't portray [at home] in Sri Lanka.”

She also mentioned how the combating families falling into chaos is a storyline with which an audience from any culture can identify. “This play shows the essence of the American family, where each on their own is trying to reach the American Dream,” Dissanayake said. For example, even though he caused his wife some serious brain damage, one of the main characters of the show, Jake, still tries to piece his “family” back together with a white picket fence.

Dissanayake also discussed how exciting it was to work with a professional

designing team for her show, including Technical Director Michael Reidy on lighting and Assistant Theater Professor Christine McDowell, who created a turn table platform for quick set changes. Theater Professor Katalin Vecsey also assisted Dissanayake with this production.

The cast of eight characters includes professional actors from around Maine as well as Bates students.

“It's a play of dreams, heartbreak and revenge,” Vecsey said.

Come to Schaeffer Theater this weekend to see just how far these families will go to reach the American Dream.

Because no two performances are ever the same, be sure to catch as many shows of “A Lie of the Mind” as you can this weekend. The play runs on Oct. 30, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at 7:30 pm and on Nov. 1 and 2 at 2 p.m. Schaeffer Theater is located at 305 College Street. Admission for this show will be free for Bates students, \$6 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens.

## Brooklyn-based Band Takes Bates by Storm

**LIZ ROWLEY**  
STAFF WRITER

“I can't sleep when I think about the times we're living in,” read popular Yeasayer lyrics. Sleep was similarly out of the question for anyone remotely near Old Commons Thursday evening. The sounds of Yeasayer, opening band Chairlift and special guest DJ Kid Consumption/DJ L'Elefant reverberated from the building.

The event was sponsored by WRBC. The station board has made huge efforts this year to pull notable bands, a task that has not been lost on the Bates student body. In addition to the concert this past Thursday, WRBC successfully procured The Death Set, the well-received opener for Girl Talk last month. Today marks the 50th anniversary of the WRBC, and the shows attributed to their efforts this year stand testament to five successful decades of the station.

Yeasayer and guests played in Old Commons, a venue that proved to be ideally intimate enough to house attendees. While the turnout was not huge, the enthusiasm of the crowd eradicated any reminder of non-present naysayers. The band played a truly dynamic show. They played emphatically against an impressive lights display as the audience crowded against the stage. The instrumentals and vocals held up well live and the culmination of both was hypnotizing.

Members of Yeasayer include Anand Wilder, Chris Keating, Ira Wolf Tuton and Luke Fasano. The Brooklyn based band has spent the majority of their time on tour since the release of their debut “All Hour Cymbals” in 2007. Drawing on influences from such bands as The Beatles, The Velvet Underground, The Smiths and The Cure, the band describes their

sound as “middle Eastern-psych-snap-gospel,” and their debut accurately reflects this amalgamation of genres.

Yeasayer's sound is largely based on the centrality of vocals and harmony. “We all come from a background where singing and vocal music was really important in our families growing up,” said Fasano, the group's drummer. “My parents used to force me to sing all the time. My dad would play the guitar, my mom would sing harmonies and it's a similar story with the rest of the guys. Everyone was in singing groups, church choirs and a cappella groups...”

The attention to the details of sound pays off in their debut. With multi-part harmonies prevalent throughout, listeners find themselves lost in the album's ambient nature. “It was kind of the formative decisions in the band, to have vocals play a central part,” claims Fasano. “I think it's also worked out well that people are starting to be or have been more receptive to the idea of vocally present music.”

Yeasayer has continued to prove its capacity for a cappella as well as their overall capability as a group through the countless live shows they have performed while on tour to promote their debut. They performed a particularly revealing show while in Europe, a “Take Away Show,” on the metro system in Paris. The performance was one of a series of videos directed by Vincent Moon. Moon's work displays musicians performing spontaneous shows in unique and expressive ways, in settings that are often unexpected.

Earlier in the 2007, Yeasayer toured with MGMT. Fasano said of the collaboration, “It was right when their album was coming out so we actually did a co-headlining tour between the two of us where we would just trade off days and

it was really fun. It was a good moment for each of us. In the sort of growth, in the initial stages of what was going on.”

Since then, Yeasayer has gained a close following of fans enamored by their sound as well as their message. Their hit “2080” is a somewhat cautionary song that speaks of the apocalyptic nature of environmental degradation among other things.

“People accuse us of being hippies as much as they accuse us of being overtly religious,” claims Fasano, in reference to the religious aspect of apocalyptic references, “but it's not so much the themes themselves that are religious, but the treatment of the themes that could be called religious. Akin to the way you would treat religious topics, we wanted to view the subject matter with this grandiose feeling. We wanted to drive the whole thing a little bit overboard. And one of the ways to do that is to associate it with a kind of religious ecstasy or transcendence.”

Yeasayer's performance at Bates marks a noticeable shift in the type of music that has been brought to campus in past years. The diversification of shows presents a powerful message of integration, one that caters to the variety of preferences present in the Bates populace and one that is mirrored in the musical philosophy of Yeasayer itself.

“I don't think there's one central message [to the debut],” Fasano said, “but I think, thematically, a lot of music has to do with openness that runs throughout the music as well as the words. And not necessarily in the kind of corny, peace, love, hippie sort of way, but I feel like a lot of the choices we make musically have been about keeping an open mind to whatever kind of stylistic influences might be out there.”

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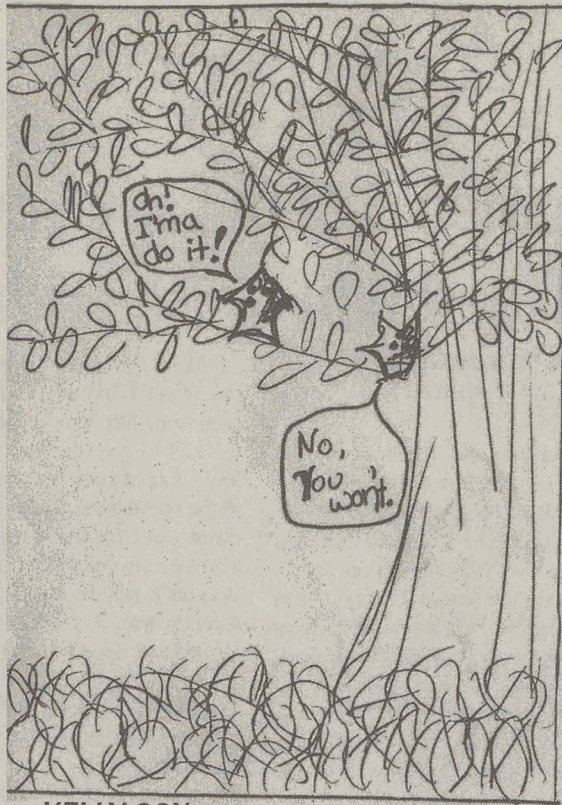
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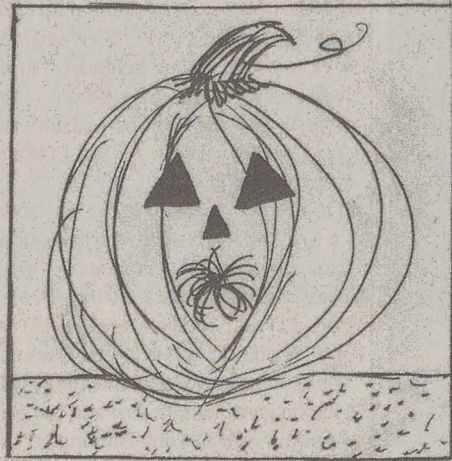
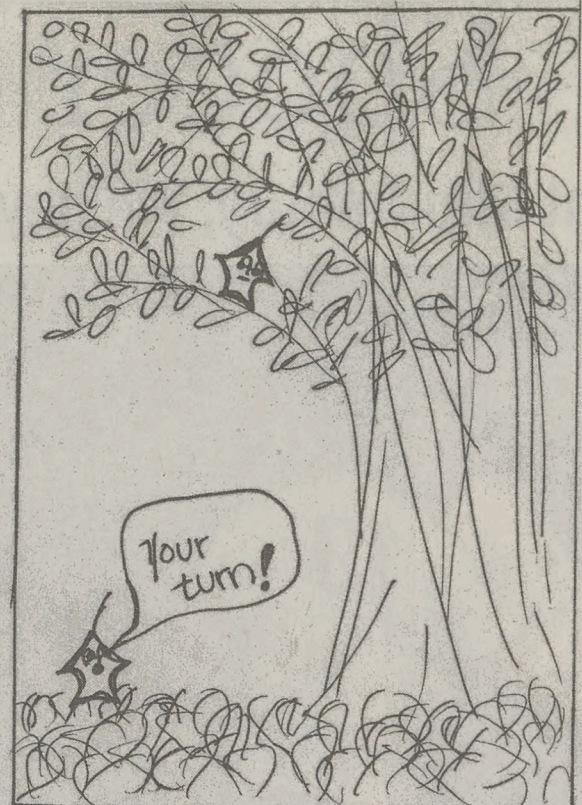
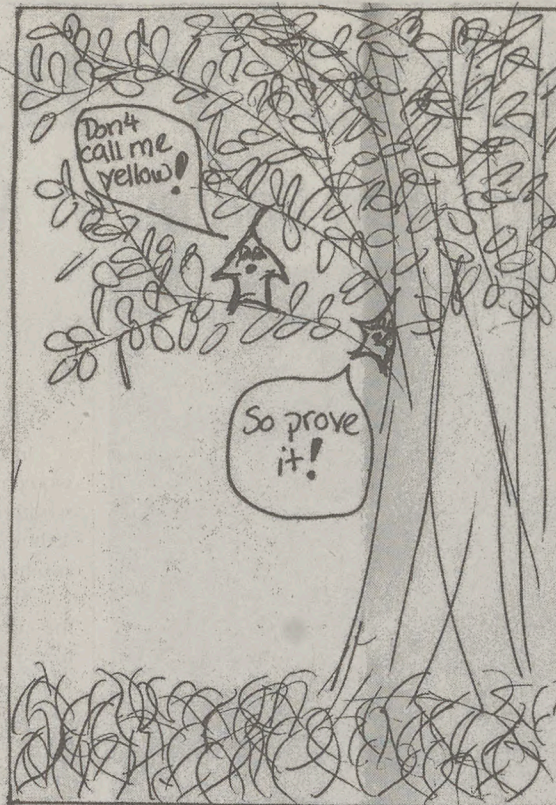


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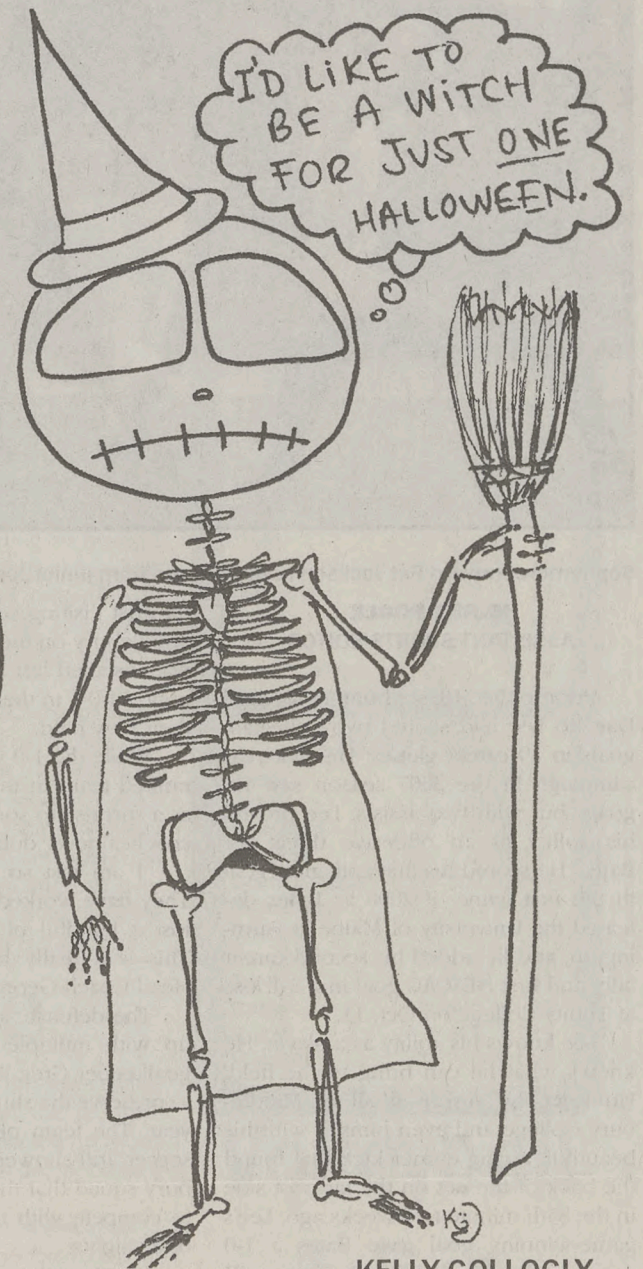




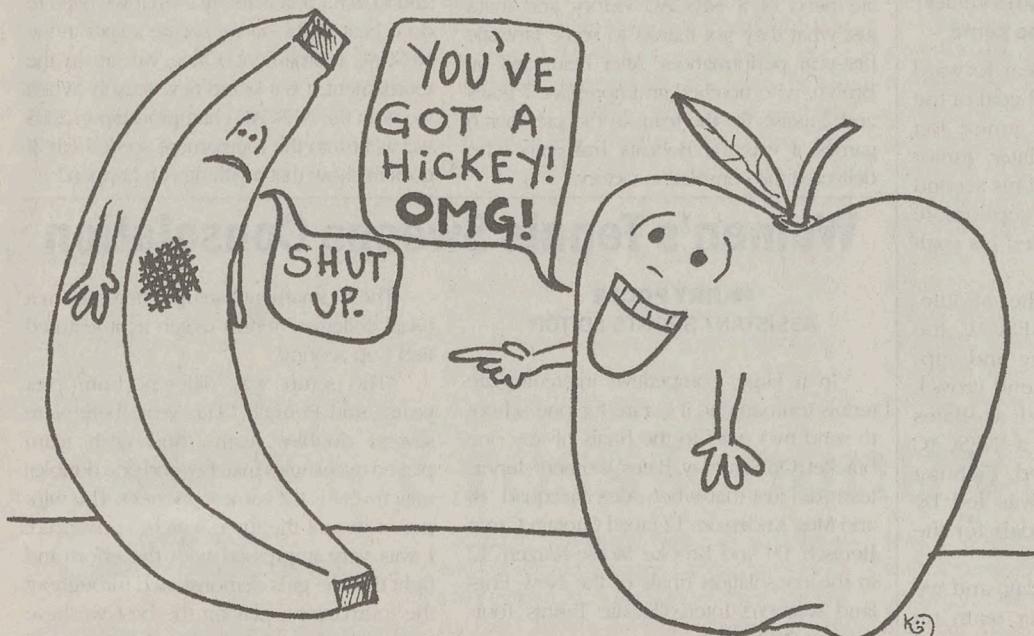
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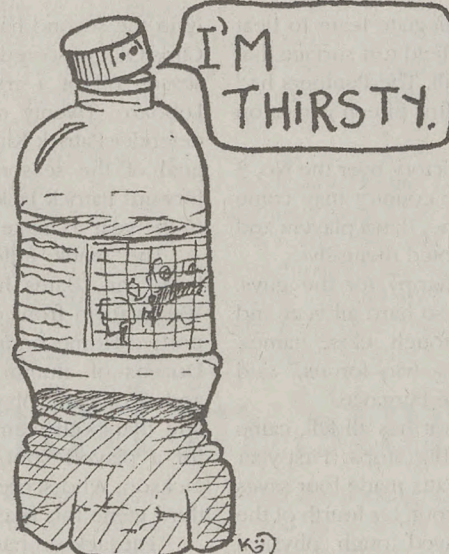
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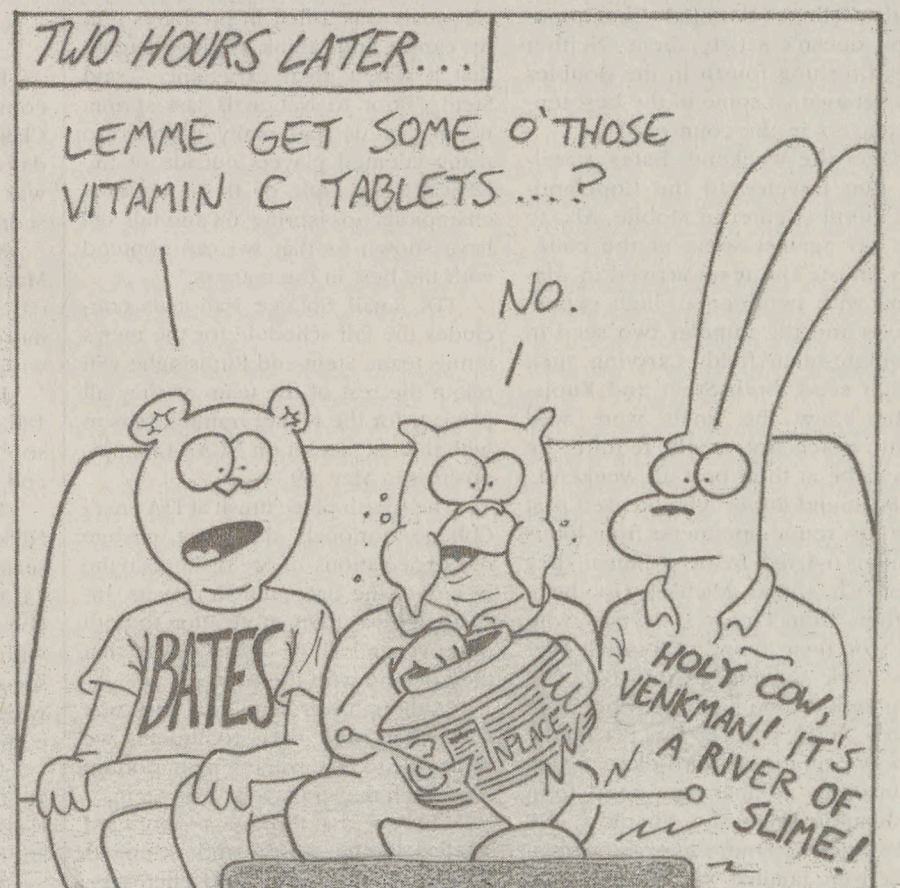
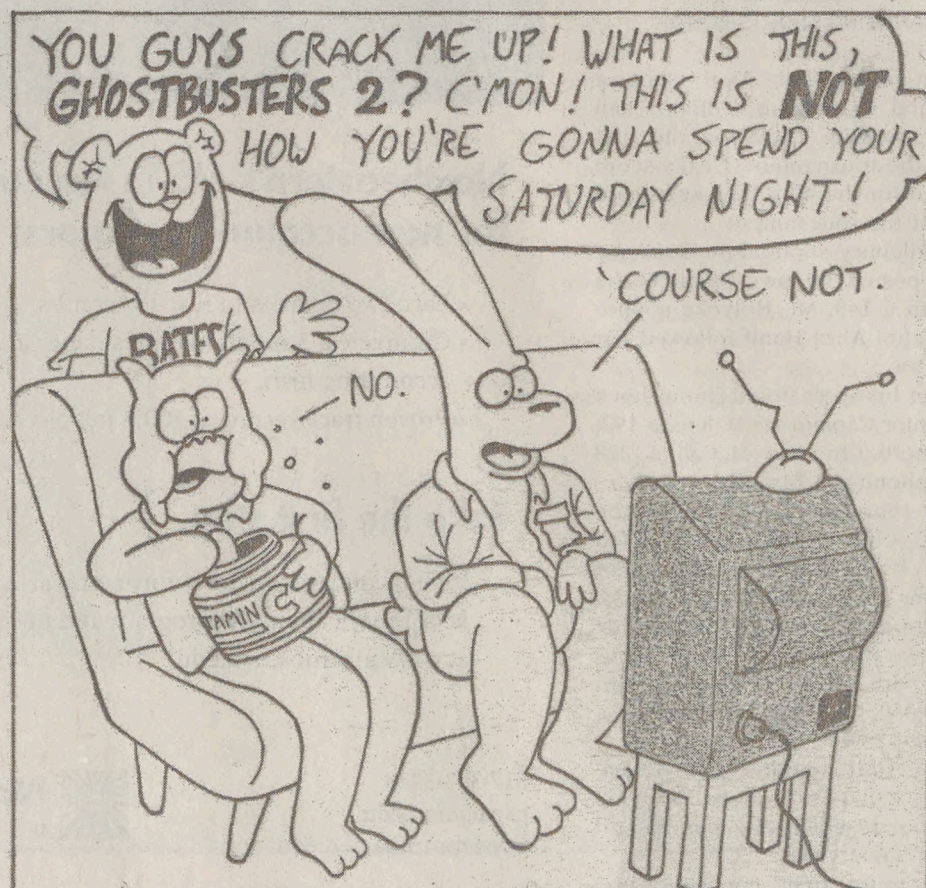
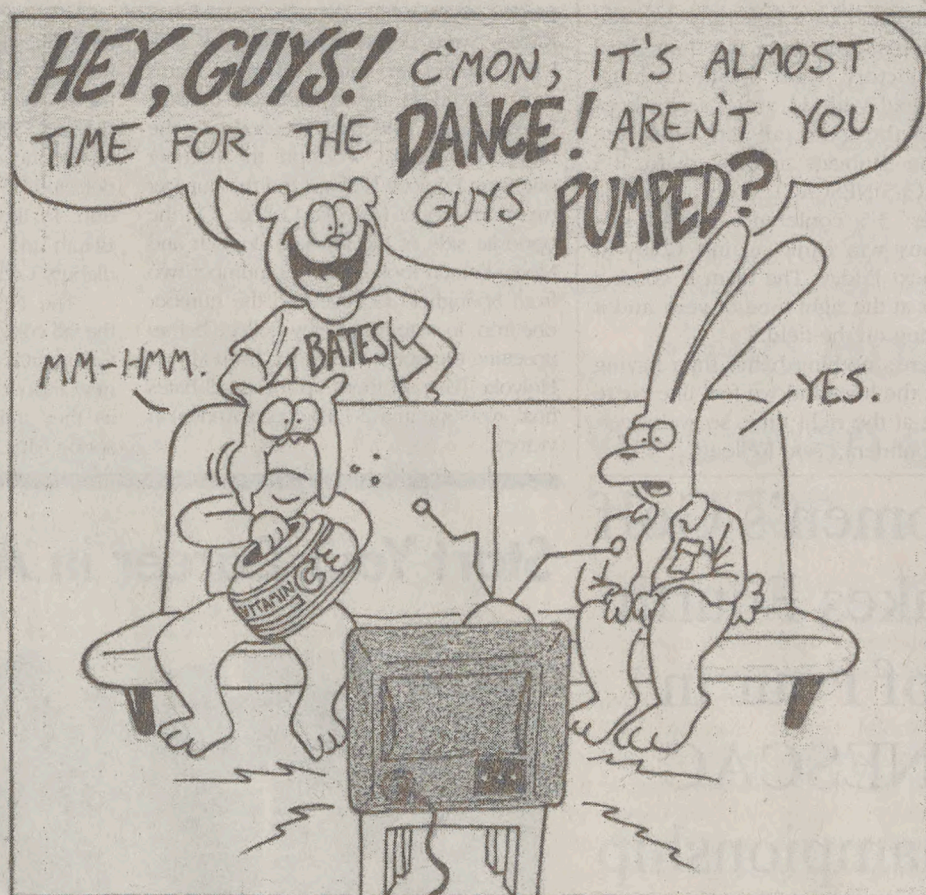
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# PARTY ANIMALS

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# Soccer One Win Away

## Men Beat Middlebury, Wesleyan; Colby Looms



I-HWEI WARNER/THE BATES STUDENT

Sophomore forward Pat Jackson heads a cross from junior Jon Lobozzo (7) into the net. Jackson had two goals in the game.

**HARRY POOLE**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Prior to Oct. 18, sophomore forward Dae Ro Lee had scored two collegiate goals in 19 career games. His first-year campaign in the 2007 season saw no goals, but with two assists, Lee proved his ability as an offensive threat for Bates. He scored his first collegiate goal in the first game of 2008 as Bates defeated the University of Maine at Farmington, and he added his second career tally and first NESCAC goal in a 2-1 loss at Trinity College on Oct. 11.

Lee knows his ability as a player. He knows what he can bring to the field. However, he surprised all of Middlebury College and even himself with his beautiful, arcing corner kick that found the back of the net on the far post side in the 85th minute two weeks ago. Lee's game-winning goal gave Bates a 1-0 win over the reigning NCAA Division III National Champions and No. 3 ranked team in the country.

"I honestly wasn't trying to score. I knew I struck a good ball, but the wind took it and it pushed it closer and closer to the net, and it eventually snuck behind the keeper," Lee said.

Bates' 1-0 win over Middlebury gave them an important NESCAC victory and kept their playoff hopes alive. Middlebury, on the other hand, lost for the first time in 18 straight contests dating back to Oct. 23, 2007 against Keene State College. The Panthers were shut out for the first time since Oct. 25, 2006, also against Keene State. Bates also became

the first visiting collegiate team to beat Middlebury on the field turf surface that was installed last fall. The Panthers had gone 14-0-1 in the first fifteen games on their new field.

While the 1-0 victory over the No. 3 ranked team in the country may come as a surprise to some, Bates players and coaches never doubted themselves.

"I am just so happy for the guys. They have worked so hard all year and lost a handful of tough, close games. This is a really big win for us," said Head Coach George Purgavie.

The defense, as it has all fall, came up with multiple big stops. First-year goalkeeper Greg Watts made four saves to preserve the shutout, his fourth of the year. The team played tough, physical soccer and showed a confident Middlebury squad that they have what it takes to compete with the playoffs in everyone's sights.

"Getting that win really showed us we can beat anyone in the league," said senior Co-Captain Nate Kellogg.

The week prior to the Oct. 18 meeting with Middlebury, Bates lost at Trinity in a well-fought defensive battle. The 2-1 loss dropped the team's NESCAC record to 1-5 and made it four out of six NESCAC contests lost by one goal.

Starting the Bobcats recent winning streak was a 3-0 victory over another undefeated team in New England: MIT. The Oct. 15 match was physical with 36 fouls between the two sides. On a more positive note, the game gave Bates a midweek chance to prepare for their must-win game against Middlebury. Early

in the second half, first-year forward Chris Okano scored his third goal of the season off of a cross from junior Jon Lobozzo. Twenty minutes later, junior defender Patrick King added his second goal of the season while sophomore forward Patrick Jackson added his sixth of the year to make it 3-0.

The week following the Middlebury win, Bates hosted NESCAC foe Wesleyan in front of a large and supportive Homecoming Weekend crowd. Dozens of alumni watched as Bates and Wesleyan played for a NESCAC win that both teams needed. Fighting for a playoff spot, Bates was led by Jackson, who scored two goals for the third game this season.

"Pat Jackson had a big day, and we felt like we were the better team on the field for most of the game," said Kellogg. In the second half, Lobozzo added the eventual game winner off of a Jackson cross.

Wesleyan had a late rally, but the Bates defense held on for their third straight victory. Watts finished a huge day in goal with 11 saves as he kept Bates in the game all day. With the win, the Bobcats improved to 8-5 overall (3-5 NESCAC).

Bates' 3-5 conference record sets up a must-win game against Colby at home next Friday. The team is coming together at the right time of year, and it is showing on the field.

"There's nothing better than having it all on the line, and we feel like we're peaking at the right time, so we're certainly confident," said Kellogg.

## Women 5-2 in Last Seven, Need Win or Tie Friday

**PAUL LOMBARDI**  
STAFF WRITER

In the past two and a half weeks, the women's soccer team has turned their season full circle. Since Family Weekend on Oct. 4, the team has posted a 5-2 record including two huge wins over NESCAC opponents.

After starting the season 1-5 and 0-4 in the conference, the Bobcats were seen as a non-threat to opponents. The team managed just two goals in its five losses over the six-game stretch, and every team seemed to count the Bobcats out of the playoff race. Bates responded to the critics with a win over NESCAC foe Connecticut College during Parents and Family Weekend. Just three days later, Bates went on the road and easily handled the University of Southern Maine for a victory. After falling behind 1-0 in the first half, senior Captain Julie Brown responded with three goals and first-year forward Sam Alper added a fourth for the Bobcats, who went on to win 4-1.

After winning two games in a row, Bates hit a small roadblock, losing two out of three games, both losses to conference opponents. Bates fell by identical 2-0 scores to Trinity (Oct. 11) and Middlebury (Oct. 18) but was able to pull out a win over Husson University. Brown provided the winning goal in the Husson game and the first and last goals in a 4-0 romp over UMaine Farmington.

Bates entered their Homecoming game against conference foe Wesleyan in desperate need of a NESCAC victory and that's just what they got thanks to some fantastic first-year performances. After being led by Brown, who notched an impressive 7 goals and 2 assists for the team in the previous 6 games, it was the Bobcats' first-years who delivered the consolation victory.

Bates got on the board in the 29th minute when Courtney Talcott '12 received a pass from Alix Vandeventer '12 and buried the ball to give the team a 1-0 lead. Wesleyan fought back and tied the game early in the second half. The game would remain deadlocked for the remainder, forcing the teams into overtime. In double overtime, the Bobcats finally broke the stalemate. Just 41 seconds into the second overtime, senior Jen Marino ripped a shot off the post, and Amanda Gifford '12 found the rebound and scored, giving Bates a thrilling 2-1 win.

"Scoring that goal in double overtime was probably one of the most exciting athletic moments of my career," said Gifford. "...We really wanted to get the win for the seniors...when the ball hit off the cross bar and came back to me, I settled it and just tried to find a corner."

The Bobcats owe much of the credit to goalie Annie Burns '12 who, facing 22 shots and making six saves, allowed just one goal. The contest was arguably the most exciting game all year with the two teams combining for 50 shots.

The conference win, which was the Bobcats' fifth in the team's last seven games, breathed playoff life into the team who has just one regular season game remaining. With a win or tie against Colby on Friday, the team can clinch a playoff spot in their conference.

"The great thing about NESCAC soccer is that across the board every team is good," said Coach Carla Flaherty. "What we need to do is beat Colby so we secure a spot in the NESCAC tournament. Once we are in the tournament, it is a brand new season. When we won the NESCAC championship in 2005 we went into the tournament seeded 6th. It goes to show that anything can happen."

## Women's Tennis Sweeps Consolation

**HARRY POOLE**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In a large, competitive intercollegiate tennis tournament, it is rare for one school to send two pairs to the finals of any one bracket. On Saturday, Bates' women's tennis team did just that when Alex Piacquad '10 and Meg Anderson '12 faced Captain Caryn Benisch '09 and Brooke Morse-Karzen '12 in the consolation finals of the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament (NEWITT).

Piacquad and Anderson were knocked out of the A Championship flight in a first round loss to Wheaton College's top-seeded team while Benisch and Morse-Karzen were defeated by Wellesley College's number two team. Both Bates teams were placed in the consolation bracket. Piacquad and Anderson breezed past the number two from Wheaton, the number one from Endicott College and the number two from Mount Holyoke College. On the opposite side of the bracket, Benisch and Morse-Karzen took down the number two from Springfield College and the number one from in-state rival Colby College before upsetting the number one duo from Mount Holyoke. This set them up for an all-Bates final, resulting in a 2-1 Piacquad/Anderson victory.

The tournament's setup differed from a usual collegiate tennis match as it featured Fed Cup scoring.

"The setup was different from past years," said Benisch. "This year, there were several doubles teams, and each team played two singles matches and one doubles match versus the same opponent. The winner of two of the three matches advanced. I was very impressed with the effort and fight that the girls demonstrated throughout the tournament, playing the best we have all season. Our team displayed great energy and enthusiasm despite the unusual format of the tournament."

Along with Bates' success in the A flight consolation round, the Bobcats also featured wins in the B flight from the first-year duo of Erika Blauth and Sangita Murali as the two advanced to the Round of 16 by defeating Wheaton's number three team. In the Round of 16, Blauth and Murali were defeated by Amherst College's number five duo. In the B flight consolation bracket, Blauth and Murali were defeated by Middlebury College's number five duo.

The NEWITT Tournament concludes the fall competition season for the women's tennis team. The team will soon head to the new indoor surface in Merrill Gymnasium as they train for the always challenging spring NESCAC tennis schedule.

## Stein and Rupasinghe Fourth at ITAs in 'Bama

**HARRY POOLE**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Captain Ben Stein and junior standout Amrit Rupasinghe have set the bar so high following their incredible run during the 2008 NCAA Championships last spring that qualifying for Division III ITA Small College National Championships doesn't satisfy them. Neither does finishing fourth in the doubles bracket against some of the best tennis players in the country.

Over the weekend, Bates' stand-out duo traveled to the Copeland-Cox Tennis Center in Mobile, Ala. to face off against some of the country's finest. The team arrived in Alabama with confidence, high expectations and the number two seed in the eight-team field. Carrying such a high seed, both Stein and Rupasinghe knew the finals were well within reach but would require the duo to be at their best all weekend.

Stein and Rupasinghe breezed past their first round opponents from Johns Hopkins 6-4, 6-4. In the semifinal, they faced Chris and Michael Goodwin, brothers from Emory University who had won their Round of 8 match over New York University's duo 6-0, 6-0. Stein and Rupasinghe battled but were beaten 7-6(5), 6-2. The loss placed the Bobcat pair in the third-place match against the number one seed from Washington University, Charlie Cutler and Chris Hoeland. Stein and Rupasinghe were familiar with the pair from Washington as they defeated them in

last spring's NCAA Quarterfinal match 5-7, 7-6(2), 6-1. Bates' phenomenal pair fought hard, but this time they were on the losing end of the 7-6(2), 6-2 score.

The loss in the third-place match dropped Stein and Rupasinghe to a very respectable fourth place.

"The trip down to Alabama for fall Nationals was a first in my Bates tennis career, and I think Amrit will agree that it was a great experience," said Stein. "Prior to Nationals last spring, neither of us had really played too many talented players outside of the NESCAC, so both of these national championships [spring '08 and fall '08] have shown us that we can contend with the best in the country."

ITA Small College Nationals concludes the fall schedule for the men's tennis team. Stein and Rupasinghe will rejoin the rest of the team as they all prepare for the winter training season with their sights set on NCAA Championships in May '09.

The fourth place finish at ITA Small College Nationals does not change the expectations of Stein, Rupasinghe or any of the Bates tennis players. Instead, it gives them motivation to both improve and show other teams that they belong with the best.

"Although our semi-final loss was somewhat of a disappointment, we were able to take something important from each match played," said Stein. "I truly believe that through a lot of hard work in the off-season, and as long as we are playing with good chemistry, we can become National Champions."

## Women's Golf Takes Fourth of Four in NESCAC Championship

**MAC KING**  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR

First-year Mimi Neal shot a combined 181 at the Williams Fall Classic, scoring an 89 on the first day of the tournament. Neal's score was tied for the 40th best aggregate score of the tournament.

Middlebury sophomore Courtney Mazzei posted the lowest score of the day with a 149. Mt. Holyoke sophomore Zahra Aliza Hanif followed her with a 156.

Bates first-year Brigid Dunn shot a 188, senior Captain Liz Wilcox a 192, sophomore Christine McCall a 228 and sophomore Libby King a 241.

The tournament doubled as the NESCAC Championship for the fall season. Bates finished 13th out of 14 teams and last among NESCAC competitors. Middlebury placed first with a two-day score of 642, Williams second with a 657 and Amherst third with a 660. The Bates team shot a combined 789.

The tournament took place at the Williams College Taconic Golf Course which is a par 71 and sprawls 5,802 yards.

The tournament concluded the team's fall season.

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# Head of the Charles Demonstrates Team Potential



LINCOLN BENEDICT/THE BATES STUDENT

The Women's V1 Crew rows under the John W. Weeks Bridge at the Head of the Charles on Oct. 19. The women finished second in the Collegiate 8 event.

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Cory Sanderson '10 put it, "While the Charles results may not have been exactly what we were looking for, they have just become a reason to work that much harder this winter."

Coming off of an exciting fifth place finish last year in the Collegiate 8 event, the Bates women took their racing to a new level, finishing in a team-record-setting second place with a time of 17:15. They were only four seconds shy of perennial powerhouse Williams and beat Trinity – winner of the 2007 Charles and NCAA champions in 2008 – by over 17 seconds. Coxswain Nora Collins '11 steered an exceptional race, taking the 90-degree turns under the Weeks and Elliot

Bridges perfectly tight without losing any ground.

"The high point of the race was coming around the Anderson turn and realizing we were unexpectedly going to pass the crew ahead of us," said Collins. "It was then that I realized that we would finish in the top two."

Bates closed out the season on Oct. 25 at Colby College in the traditional CBB regatta. Following the Charles, this race is more laid-back and friendly – a gathering of Maine rivals to engage in amicable competition. The Bates 1V men and women handily beat out Bowdoin and Colby over the short 3600 meter course as they battled extreme wind and rough conditions in the last 300 meters to cross the finish line far ahead of their

competitors.

The 2V and 3V men and women also had good races, demonstrating the incredible progress many people new to the sport have made over the course of the season.

"Beating Bowdoin and Colby by such significant margins in this past weekend's CBB race capped off the season on a high note for the team," said four-year team member Brian Klein '09. "All of the men have raced their hardest and left everything on the water this past season."

Now that the fall racing is over, mindsets are turning to the fast-paced spring sprint season and the potential of bringing home some championships. The men have high hopes that their hard training indoors this winter will translate

to a successful spring and possibly allow them to take their rowing abroad to compete on the Thames in the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta in England come July.

The women are hoping to make it to the NCAA championships again this year, where they finished a heartbreaking fifth in Division 3 racing after being ranked third nationally for the majority of the spring last season.

On the topic of NCAAs, Murphy said, "My personal goal is to win the NCAA championship, but I am not disillusioning myself as to how much work that will take. We have great leadership across the board, strength and speed, all of which can and need to improve over winter training. Overall, we are positive and looking forward to a fast spring."

## Men's Cross Country Third in State

KATIE BASH  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's cross country team finished third at the Maine State meet, hosted by the University of Southern Maine at the Twin Brook Recreation Center in Cumberland, Maine. The team's third place finish with a score of 52 was behind Bowdoin College (34) – the 2008 Maine State Champions – and USM (42), but it doesn't portray just how well the Bobcat harriers competed, as this meet has been described as "the best of the season" by senior Co-Captains Michael Watson and C.J. Murray.

Part of the men's success was because the Bobcats' top runners ran well as a pack. Devin Dilts '11, Doug Brecher '10 and Troy

Calandra '12 finished within 25 seconds of each other and all placed within the top 10. Dilts earned All-State honors, finishing first for Bates and third overall, covering the 8k course in just 26:03. This was a great race for Dilts, who has consistently been Bates' top runner. Just one week prior to States, Dilts finished 79th out of 316 competitors at the Open New England's meet, which hosts virtually every New England college, including many Division I universities.

Brecher, who has had a somewhat rough start to the season, seems to be back where many thought he should be.

"It was nice to have Doug back for a race so that I wasn't surrounded by angry Polar Bears the whole time," said Dilts of the State meet. Brecher also earned All-

State honors for the second year in a row with a seventh place time of 26:20. Calandra, just one member of the talented first-year class, finished ninth overall in a time of 26:27. At Opens, Calandra was second for Bates and 97th overall with a time of 26:13.

Another highlight of the State meet was an impressive performance from Tom Esponette '11 who has improved enormously since last year. This year, Esponette ran fourth for Bates and 15th overall in a time of 27:01. Last year, he finished 12th for Bates and 49th overall in a time of 29:17.

Rounding out Bates' top seven were Sean Colligan '12 in 19th place, Dillon Tung '09 in 24th and Ben Chebot '12 in 35th out of over 125 Maine state harriers.

Also contributing to the team's success was their depth and the fact that each gamet harrier competed to what Coach Al Fereshetian saw as the best of their ability.

"I think we ran really, really well today, and I'm happy with our performances all around," said Coach Fereshetian.

Other performances highlighting the team's depth included those from Peter Gurney '11 who finished eighth for Bates and 39th overall in 28:27 and Joe Musso '11 who was ninth for Bates and 44th overall in 28:44.

Next up, the Bobcats will be hosting the NESCAC Cross Country Championship, which will be held at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, Maine on Nov. 1.

## Field Hockey Loses to Wesleyan and Middlebury

KATIE BASH  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After a staggering loss to NESCAC rival Middlebury College, the Bates field hockey team trained hard to prepare for Saturday's Homecoming match against Wesleyan University.

The nationally ranked Middlebury Panthers completely outplayed the garnet women, winning 9-0 on Oct. 18. After scoring five times in the first half, the Middlebury offense failed to let up in the second half, continuing their domination and logging four additional goals. That's not to say the garnet women didn't make some attempts at scoring – the Bobcats took seven shots. Unfortunately, Middlebury had 23. Sophomore goalkeeper Katie McEnroe turned away nine of those shots in 47 minutes, while junior Helena Turner protected the goal for the remainder of the game.

This was a tough loss following an 8-1 win over the University of South Maine earlier in the week.

"Our game against USM was one of my favorite this year," said Sema Kazarian '11, who tallied her team-high seventh goal of the season on a penalty corner in the first half of the game. "Our team came onto the field with a lot of energy, and the excitement really fed into our playing. As a team, we didn't let up until the end, and the results showed that."

The garnet women built a 5-0 lead going into halftime. Ultimately, eight different players scored for Bates, demonstrating the team's depth and talent.

The team was determined not to let Middlebury affect their game against Wesleyan.

"We've been working really hard in practice...on and off the field. [Head Coach Wynn Hohlt] is focused on teach-

ing the importance of putting a loss behind us but at the same time having us learn from it. We've watched film coverage on the Middlebury game and we're able to study how we can improve from that particular game both individually and as a whole," said Kazarian.

Perhaps some of that hard work paid off as the Bobcats took an early 3-0 lead against Wesleyan last Saturday, with goals from Kazarian, senior Co-Captain Abby Childs and junior Samantha Rothkopf. The Cardinals tallied a rebuttal just minutes after Rothkopf's goal, but the Bobcats boasted a 3-1 lead entering the half. Childs extended Bates' lead to four just 16 minutes into the second half, but this would prove the last garnet goal of the game. The Cardinals managed to fight their way to a tie and regulation time ended in a stalemate. After two overtime periods, the Bobcat's tenacity proved ineffective. The Cardinals ended up overwhelming Bates in penalty corners 3-1. Sophomore goal keeper Katie McEnroe had 14 saves for the Bobcats, while Wesleyan sophomore Breen McDonald and first-year Danie Leahy had a combined 7.

Bates' loss against Wesleyan is the team's third NESCAC loss since Oct. 11 when the Bobcats lost to Trinity College 3-1. This was not a particularly stinging defeat since the Trinity Bantams are ranked 12th in the country. Highlights from that game include junior midfielder Morgan Maciewicz's goal, Bates' only goal of the game, which came unassisted late in the second half. McEnroe also had 14 saves to Trinity's 5.

We'll see if the women can do just that when they play their last regular season game against in-state rival Colby College with a possible bid for the NESCAC Championship on the line. The game will be at home on Oct. 31.

### NESCAC STANDINGS

#### Football

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Trinity	6	0	0	159	113
Amherst	5	1	0	139	90
Williams	4	2	0	143	103
Colby	3	3	0	76	121
Middlebury	3	3	0	206	164
Tufts	3	3	0	141	108
Bowdoin	2	4	0	130	177
Hamilton	2	4	0	86	104
Bates	1	5	0	81	182
Wesleyan	1	5	0	83	92

#### Field Hockey

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA
Tufts	8	0	0	53	9
Bowdoin	7	1	0	46	5
Middlebury	6	2	0	55	16
Trinity	6	2	0	45	10
Amherst	5	3	0	40	18
Williams	3	5	0	24	22
Colby	2	6	0	33	36
Bates	1	7	0	30	41
Conn. College	1	7	0	18	28
Wesleyan	1	7	0	13	36

#### Men's Soccer

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA
Middlebury	5	1	2	21	5
Trinity	5	3	0	32	12
Amherst	4	3	1	40	11
Williams	4	3	1	28	17
Bowdoin	4	4	0	18	17
Colby	3	4	1	24	19
Conn. College	3	4	1	15	17
Bates	3	5	0	29	16
Tufts	3	5	0	18	14
Wesleyan	2	4	2	19	25

#### Women's Soccer

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA
Williams	7	0	1	34	6
Amherst	6	0	2	37	16
Middlebury	6	2	0	17	10
Bowdoin	4	2	2	23	14
Trinity	4	4	0	31	12
Tufts	4	4	0	21	14
Wesleyan	2	5	1	15	18
Bates	2	6	0	22	25
Colby	1	6	1	10	21
Conn. College	0	7	1	11	20

#### Volleyball

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA
Tufts	8	0	0	24	5
Wesleyan	7	1	0	22	7
Amherst	6	1	0	18	4
Conn. College	6	3	0	19	14
Middlebury	3	3	0	11	12
Williams	3	3	0	14	10
Bowdoin	3	4	0	12	14
Trinity	2	6	0	9	18
Bates	1	6	0	6	18
Colby	1	6	0	8	19
Hamilton	0	7	0	0	18

## Volleyball 1-6 in NESCAC Entering Colby Tourney

M.C. KING  
MANAGING SPORTS EDITOR

With wins over Colby-Sawyer and Plattsburgh State over the weekend, the volleyball team reached 14 wins on the season for the first time since 2004. The team improved to 14-15 on the year.

Nevertheless it has been a tale of two seasons for the Bobcats. Against out-of-conference opponents Bates has a record of 13-9. Against NESCAC foes, the Bobcats are 1-6.

The team recorded their only in-conference win on Oct. 17 against Trinity. Junior Avery Masters tallied 11 kills and 1 block, junior Co-Captain Liz Leberman had 7 kills and 11 digs and first-year Grace Haessler had 29 assists and 4 aces. Junior back row stalwarts Kira Kramlich and Brit Johnson combined for 26 digs. Bates won the match 3-0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-19).

Unfortunately, following their win over the Bantams, the Bobcats dropped three NESCAC contests in a row, losing to Wesleyan, Connecticut College and Colby, 3-1, 3-0 and 3-1.

On the season, junior Tess Dokus leads the team in kills with 211 (2.22 per game). Leberman has also performed exceptionally on the attack with 192 kills (2.06 per game). Haessler leads the team in assists with 851 (8.51 per game), senior Co-Captain Beth Billington has recorded the most blocks with 69 (.82 per game) and Kramlich the most digs with 305 (3.32 per game).

The team has a golden opportunity to improve its NESCAC record this weekend in games against Hamilton, Middlebury and Williams in a tournament at Colby.

## BOBCAT OF THE WEEK

Kyle McAllister '10



I-HWEI WARNER/THE BATES STUDENT

McAllister recorded an interception, 2 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and 6 solo tackles in Saturday's win over Colby. One of those fumble recoveries McAllister took 41 yards for the score. The effort earned him his second NESCAC Defensive Player of the Week award of the season.



## SPORTS

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## Jubilant Homecoming



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Junior defensiveback Kyle McAllister returns a fumble for a touchdown to give Bates a 28-0 lead over Colby. McAllister had 1 interception, 2 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and 7 tackles in the game.

**ERIC ARMSTRONG**  
STAFF WRITER

"Get after their asses." The popular Bates football adage became reality on Saturday as the Bobcats defeated Colby 31-21 at a well-attended Homecoming Weekend game.

Bates took advantage of a weak Colby offense in the first half of the game. The Mules turned the ball

over on their first seven possessions, which allowed the Bobcats to score 28 points before halftime. Colby attempted to mount a comeback in the third quarter, scoring 14 points, but they ultimately came up short after a clutch interception by Coleman Peeke '09 in the fourth quarter solidified the Bobcat victory.

"I think the biggest factor in the outcome of the game was the inten-

sity that we maintained over four quarters," said Head Coach Mark Harriman. "Being able to stop Colby late in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter after they had gained some momentum was huge."

Kyle McAllister '10 was honored as NESCAC Defensive Player of the Week for the second time this season in recognition of his stellar performance in Saturday's game. McAllis-

ter recorded 7 tackles, 1 interception and 2 fumble recoveries. In one play, McAllister stripped the ball from a Colby running back, grabbed the fumble and returned the ball 41 yards for a touchdown.

The win was encouraging after a 38-14 loss to Middlebury on Oct. 18. In that game the Bobcats started strong, leading 14-7 after the first quarter, but they fell apart in the

second half of a game in which they were outgained 456-221 in yardage and possessed the ball for only 11 minutes in the entire second half.

Next Saturday the Bobcats will travel to Bowdoin, currently 2-4, in hopes of capturing the CBB Championship. Bates last won the Championship in 2002, and has earned the title a total of eight times since the tournament was established in 1965.

## Women's XC Third at States

**JOE MUSSO**  
STAFF WRITER

The women's cross country team fought its way to a third place finish at the State of Maine Championships at Twin Brook Recreation Area in Cumberland, Maine. The University of Southern Maine hosted the event and 10 Maine colleges competed. Finishing close behind nationally ranked teams Colby and Bowdoin, the women had their most spectacular meet of the season.

Sophomore Chloe Bourne led the squad in what was clearly her best collegiate race. Bourne finished ninth out of over 100 competitors, her first time ever leading the Bobcats in competition. Until just three weeks ago, Bourne had never even finished in the team's top five but at Twin Brook, she was the first girl wearing a Bates singlet to cross the finish line. Her time of 19:22 for 5,000 meters was only forty seconds behind the race winner.

Bourne's race set the tone for the rest of the women. Finishing directly behind her in 10th place was junior captain Abby Samuelson, followed in succession by sophomores Elizabeth Rowley and Alexandria Alberto, who each had breakout races as well. Working with each other throughout the race like they do in workouts, this pack was one of the key reasons Bates was able to make a run for the State of Maine title.

"We've been training consistently this year. We work really hard together in practice, and it paid off at the meet," said Rowley, who ran a collegiate personal best of 19:29. "I was particularly proud to run on a course that was very challenging."

Shortly behind Samuelson, Rowley and Alberto were junior Esther Kendall and senior Captain Ali Goldstein, finishing in 15th and 16th places respectively. Kendall was quick to point out the efforts of the sophomores upfront.

"Seeing the sophomores girls flourish this year has really been inspirational," said Kendall.

Nationally ranked Colby took the State of Maine title with a score of 30. Bowdoin was second with 46 points, followed by Bates with 57. While technically not a post season meet, the State of Maine Championship begins the championship season and is usually an emotional high point of the year. It is the last meet in which every runner on the women's team can run in the same race, and for some, it is the last meet of the season. For everybody, though, it is the best chance to square off against rival schools Bowdoin and Colby.

This upcoming Saturday, Bates hosts the NESCAC Cross Country Championships at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, ME and looks forward to having a chance to race at home with a strong home crowd showing.

## Crew Impresses in Fall Debut

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Fall crew is the season for pure novices, rowing in pairs and optional morning practices. More relaxed than the spring championship season, head-racing season is a time for getting back in shape and back on the water.

At the beginning of this fall, Interim Head Coach Peter Steenstra likened the season to a "recess" of sorts. His aim was to give his hard-working crews an opportunity to play around a little bit. But as the results from racing demonstrate, this laid-back atmosphere did nothing to stifle the competitive fire of either the men's or women's squads. Rowing in three regattas over the course of October, the six Bates crews logged a successful fall season.

Bates had its first competition when the Bobcats traveled down to Worcester, Mass. on Oct. 12 for the Quinsigamond Snake Regatta. All three men's boats and three women's boats rowed in the second annual head race on the Quinsigamond.

The women continued their history of dominance in this young race with the 1V bringing home gold medals once again. Rowing the 4k course in a time of 14:46, the Bates A boat finished ahead of Holy Cross, Wellesley and Tufts by at least 35 seconds. The

2V and 3V also had strong showings with the 2V placing ninth in the race, logging the third fastest time for a B boat, and the 3V finishing 14th.

"We've been so lucky with so many strong first-years making major contributions in our 2V and the novice boats," said Co-Captain Cait Murphy. "[They] have an opportunity to be amazingly fast and to set the tone for our future team."

Rowing against opponents from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Holy Cross and University of Rhode Island, the three men's boats finished eighth, ninth and 17th out of a field of 21. The eighth place men's 1V had a solid race, recording a time of 13:18 over the 4k course, but a 60 second penalty was given to them for accidentally steering onto the course during their warm-up. Their initial time would have put them in second place, just one second behind WPI. While the resulting eighth place finish was disappointing, the time the men recorded assured them of the fact that they are a fast crew rowing well together.

During October break, while most students headed home for some mid-term rest and relaxation, the 1V and 2V men and women stayed at Bates preparing to compete in the 44th Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Mass. on Oct. 19. The Charles is the largest rowing event in the world with over 75,000 athletes competing in

55 different events. The Charles is the premier race of the season for Bates since it is the one opportunity to race spring season rivals like Trinity and Williams.

The race course for the Charles is one of the most difficult courses for coxswains due to the sharp turns, the plethora of bridges and the excessive boat traffic. The weather added to the difficulty this year. A strong cross-tailwind, frigid temperatures and extremely choppy water at parts made racing a coxswain's nightmare and prevented any of the crews from feeling warmed up before their races.

The men first raced in the Collegiate 8 event. Because of the 1V's ninth place finish last year, they were able to enter two boats into the event this year. With a strong group of experienced juniors and seniors rowing in the 1V this season, the men were looking to improve their performance. However, many factors including the lack of a warmup, rowing through a lot of traffic and ultimately losing ground when they were forced to stop to make the sharp final turn under the Elliot Bridge contributed to a disappointing 27th place finish for the men. Despite the disappointment, the men are taking it in stride and looking ahead to spring. As Co-Captain

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